Effect of Dietary Phytase on Protein and Electrolyte Utilization on Broiler Chicks Production

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ABSTRACT

The objective of this study was to determine the effect of dietary supplementation of Phytase (Ronozyme®) FYT/U (0 and 750) added with 19.5 and 23% Crude protein and (0.45%) available phosphorus (aP) to the diet. 1-d-old Ross 308 chicks (144) were reared in litter floor pens and fed 42 days. The chicks were randomly divided into six treatments eight groups of 6 chicks. Diets were formulated with and without commercial microbial phytase, body weight and feed intake were measured weekly to assess growth response. Test groups (the 750 FYT/U/kg diets) mean values for daily feed intake higher significantly than the control (97.87 vs. 86.30). All tibia bone measurements for the 750 FYT/U/kg diets were higher compared to the control. Total P and Ca consumptions and total P and Ca retentions% for the 750 FYT/U/kg diets were higher significantly compared to the control. Profitability ratios of the test groups (750 FYT/U) were always higher than the control group. Results of the present study suggest that the addition of dietary phytase was found to increase the phosphorous phytate utilization and similarly reduce the phosphorous loss in the excreta.

Key words: Dietary phytase, phosphorous, Ca retentions, tibia bone, profitability ratios

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INTRODUCTION

The beneficial effect of enzymes in the cereal diets is based on the hydrolysis of the viscous nonstarch polysaccharides. Korengay¹ reported that 735 U of phytase/kg diet was equivalent to 1 g of nonphytate P for broilers fed corn-soybean meal diets, and that about 20 to 60% of phytate P was hydrolyzed by graded levels of supplemental phytase. Mamduh² founded that feed enzymes hold great promise to impact positively on the feed industry if managed in accordance with environmental parameters. Shmasaeli³ documented that the addition of the enzyme had no positive effect on weight gain, but it decreased the feed intake significantly ($p < 0.05$)^{4,5} feed enzymes improve nutrient digestibility and hence promote better growth rate and FCE in chickens. Ledoux⁶ reported that phytase improved feed intake and body weight gains of turkey hens grown to Market age. Punna and Roland⁷ reported that ability to retain phytate phosphorus varied significantly among individual birds of the same strain of broilers. The objective of the experiment was to determine the addition of commercial microbial phytase (Ronozyme®) were tested enhance the growth performance in broiler chicken.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Experimental chicks: A total number of 144 day-old commercial unsexed broiler chicks of Ross 308 strain

were purchased from The Arab Company for Livestock Development -Khartoum, and transported to the Student Poultry Premises, Faculty of Agricultural Studies, Sudan University of Sciences and Technology, Shambat. All chicks were weighed with an average initial weight of 45 g day old chick. The chicks were then allotted randomly to 8 groups, each of six replicates of six chicks each. Ground brooding/rearing system was adopted for the six weeks experimental periods. Each pen was equipped with one feeder and drinker to allow ad libitum consumption of feed and water. Chicks were bought vaccinated against Marek's, Newcastle and Gambaro, soluble multi-vitamin compounds (Pantominovit-Pantex Holland B.V. 5525 ZG Duizel-Holland) were given during the first 3 days of age and for 4 days before and after vaccination to guard against stress.

Housing: Open wire mesh-side poultry house was used. The house was constructed on a concrete floor, with a corrugated metal sheet roof and a solid brick Western-Easter wall up to 3 meters the eaves and 4-5 m for apex. Six pens, 1.5 m² each, inside the house, were prepared using wire mesh partitioning, light was provided approximately 14 h/day allowing one hour before sunset and one after dawn. Four bulbs (60 watt) lamps were used for this purpose.

Experimental rations: A basal diet was formulated to yield 23 and 19.5% CP and 3000 kcal ME/kg being adequate in all nutrients except for nPP and calcium, aP (0.45%) and Ca (1.84) and (1.46) according to Suleiman⁸. Table 1 Ration ingredients were sorghum, sesame cake, groundnut cake, and wheat bran microbial phytase 0, 750 FYT/U were added to the basal diet. Experimental diets were fed for 42 days.

Performance data: Average body weights, weight gain and feed consumption (g) for each group were determined weekly throughout the experimental period, Meanwhile, health of the experimental stock and mortality were closely observed.

Serum analyses: Serum was analyzed for concentration of total protein, cholesterol, lipids, and triglyceride AOAC (1988).

Slaughter procedure and carcass data: At the end of the 6th week the birds were fasted overnight with water

allowed slaughtered terminally. Birds were weighed individually before slaughter by severing the right and left carotid and jugular vessels, trachea and esophagus. After bleeding they were scaled in hot water, hand-plucked and washed. The head was removed close to skull; feet and shanks were removed at the hock joint. Evisceration was accomplished by a posterior ventral cut to completely remove the visceral organs. Hot carcass and each have the Intestines, liver, and gizzard were separately weighted. Carcass was chilled in refrigerator at 4°C for 24 h before further preparation.

Chemical analyses: The experimental diets, bone, manure and meat samples were proximately analyzed according to AOAC (1988).

Phosphate determination: Procedure was run following Mehta⁹.

The taste panel: Following recommended the procedure according to Hawrysh¹⁰.

Table 1: The percentage and calculated analysis of experimental diets

Ingredients	Composition of basal diets (%)		Composition of diets	
Fetarita	60.46	64	Crude protein (%)	23 19.50
Ground nut cake	14.46	9.77	Ether extract (%)	3.5 3.4
Sesame cake	14.80	9.51	Crude fiber (%)	11.80 11.20
Bone meal	02.11	1.972	Ash(%)	4.20 4.40
Wheat brand	00.50	6.66	ME, Kcal/Kg	3000 3000
Salt(NCl)	02.67	0.25	Total P (%)	0.678 0.88
Concentrate	05.00	05.00	a phosphorous (%)	045 0.45
Oyster flour	-	3.84	Calcium (%)	1.84 1.46
Vitamin* & min.	0.02	0.02	Crude protein (%)	23 19.50
Ronozyne [®]	+	+		
Lysine	-	0.025		
Total	100	100		

*Guaranteed levels of vitamin and minerals supplements per kg product: vit. A: 300.000 UI; vit. D3: 100.00 UI; vit. 4.00mg; vit K: 98 mg; vit. B2: 1.320 MG; vit. B12: 4.000 mg; pantothenate: 2.000 mg; niacin: 20.000 mg; folic acid: 100 mg; choline: 50.000 mg; copper: 15.000 mg; iodine: 250 mg; selenium: 50 mg; manganese: 24.000 mg; zinc: 20.000 mg; iron: 10.000 mg; coccide: 25.000 mg; antioxidant: 125 mg and vehicle q.s.p: 1.000 g

Statistical analysis: Statistical examination of the data was performed using the analysis of variance using Least Significant Difference (LSD) procedures of SAS¹¹ was used to separate significant differences refer to the 5% level of probability. Data was analyzed as described in published references. A 2×2×2 factorial arrangements of treatment in the main plot with pen as the experimental unit. Specific differences between treatment means were determined using Duncan's multiple range tests.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Performance value of broiler chicks: The effect of feeding dietary microbial phytase on performance of broiler chicks is shown in Table 2. Initially all groups started at similar ($p > 0.05$) body weight. Treatment effect in all performance entities was significant ($p > 0.05$) mean values for initial weight, body weight gain and final

Table 2: Analysis of variance and average (Mean ± SD) performance values of broiler chicks fed high levels of phytase and nonphytate Phosphorous (nPP) with different levels of Crude Protein 19.5 and 23% CP for 42 days

Items	0.45% available Phosphorous (nPP)			
	CP			
	23%			
	19.5%		750	
	0	750	0	750
Initial weight	45.00 ± 0.00	45.00 ± 0.00	45.00 ± 0.00	45.00 ± 0.00
Final weight	1881.10 ± 92.36 ^a	1988.86 ± 92.36 ^a	1834.20 ± 92.53 ^a	1801.89 ± 92.53 ^a
Weight gain	1839.10 ± 92.53 ^a	1946.90 ± 92.53 ^a	1879.20 ± 92.36 ^a	1846.89 ± 92.36 ^a
Daily feed intake (g)	86.30 ± 0.24 ^b	97.87 ± 0.21 ^a	103.37 ± 0.24 ^a	80.00 ± 0.21 ^b
Daily D.M. intake (g)	81.12 ± 0.81 ^b	92.00 ± 0.65 ^a	97.17 ± 0.81 ^a	75.20 ± 0.56 ^b
Daily energy intake (g)	74.63 ± 0.20 ^b	84.64 ± 0.21 ^a	89.40 ± 0.20 ^a	69.18 ± 0.21 ^b
Feed conversion ratio	2.73 ± 0.51 ^a	01.97 ± 00.51 ^b	2.31 ± 0.51 ^a	1.82 ± 0.51 ^b

Means within the same columns with different superscript are significantly ($p < 0.05$) different

Table 3: Analysis of variance and average (Mean $\pm$ SD) serum metabolites values of broiler chicks of broiler chicks fed high levels of phytase and nonphytate Phosphorous (nPP) with different levels of Crude Protein 19.5 and 23% CP for 42 days

Items	0.45% available Phosphorous (nP)			
	CP			
	23%		19.5%	
	0	750	0	750
Total protein (g %)	7.30 $\pm$ 0.82 ^a	7.50 $\pm$ 0.82 ^a	7.20 $\pm$ 0.82 ^a	7.90 $\pm$ 0.82 ^a
Cholesterol (mg %)	125.00 $\pm$ 21.35 ^a	120.00 $\pm$ 21.35 ^b	133.00 $\pm$ 0.82 ^b	145.00 $\pm$ 0.82 ^a
Triglyceride (mg %)	106.00 $\pm$ 0.088 ^a	105.00 $\pm$ 0.088 ^b	101.50 $\pm$ 0.82 ^b	107.20 $\pm$ 0.82 ^a
Lipids (mg %)	7.60 $\pm$ 0.65 ^a	7.50 $\pm$ 0.65 ^b	7.47 $\pm$ 0.82 ^a	7.65 $\pm$ 0.82 ^a

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weight was similar ($p > 0.05$). This results were agreed by Lazaro¹² concluded that enzyme supplementation added to rye diets decreased intestinal viscosity and accelerated digestive transit, improving productive performance of broilers also Zhang¹³ investigated that it can be inferred that direct selection for phytate phosphorus bioavailability can consequently led to concurrent changes in BW, BWG, FC, and FCR. Onyango¹⁴ reported that the evolved phytase efficacious in improving broiler growth performance, bone characteristics, and retention of P, Ca, N, and a number of amino acids. Wang¹⁵ reported that exogenous enzymes (primarily xylanase and α -glucanase) can improve performance of broilers consuming a wheat-based diet, especially during the growing period. Test group daily feed intake, daily dry matter intake, daily energy intake and feed conversion ratio mean values were lower ($p < 0.05$) than the control values. According to El-Husseiny¹⁶ phytase supplementation to low- nPP diets improved broiler performance.

Leeson and Proulx¹⁷ showed that commercial enzyme preparations tested increased the ME of high β -glucan barley; Abdulilah¹⁸ indicated that the performance of the bird was altered by the addition of enzyme.⁷ The dietary phytase treatment effect in differences in growth, livability. According to Zanella¹⁹ the supplementation of the diets with an enzyme mixture improved the digestibility of the nutrients and broiler performance allowed a reduction in the energy formulation of the diets. Steve⁵ estimated that broiler chickens fed wheat-based diets respond well to phytase, especially in early growth rate and improved carcass characteristics. Ravindran²⁰ reported that supplemental graded levels of phytase (125 to 1,000 U/kg) significantly improved growth performance of chicks fed a lysine-deficient diet containing wheat, sorghum, soybean meal, canola meal, rice polishing, and corn gluten meal. Gracia²¹ suggested that heat processing and enzyme supplementation increased apparent retention of nutrients, AME_n of the diet. Jang²² showed that an improvement in growth is due to increased available P when using the low phytate grains over the wild-type grains. The result of Islam²³

revealed that the enzyme levels had a significant effect ($p < 0.001$) on live weight at the age of 42 days (marketing age).

Serum metabolites: The change in the concentrations of serum metabolites of broiler chicks is shown in Table 3. The dietary phytase treatment effect in all serum metabolites was significant ($p < 0.05$). Mean values in total protein, cholesterol and lipids of treatment groups were similar ($p > 0.05$) except for the triglycerides ($p < 0.05$). Edney²⁴ reported that improved digestibility of lipids, carbohydrates and protein results in an increase in the apparent metabolizable energy of the ingredient. Supplementation level increased (equivalent to 750 U or 1,000 U phytase/kg of feed), the plasma P concentrations increased to levels that were significantly greater than that obtained with the normal-NPP diet²⁵. El-Husseiny¹⁶ reported that phytase supplementation to low- nPP diets improved increased plasma p level ($p < 0.01$).

Slaughter and Carcass data: The results obtained for the slaughter and carcass measurements were exposed in Table 4. The treatment effect was significant ($p < 0.05$) in all carcass and slaughter parameters except for liver and heart percentages. The mean slaughter weight of the test group was significantly ($p < 0.05$) different from the control. Shmasaeli³ suggested that enzyme significantly improved FCR. Test group mean values in remaining parameters were higher ($p > 0.05$) than the control except for the breast and total edible parts percent ($p > 0.05$). The very low Ca and P levels in the deficient diets (0.60% Ca, 0.47% tP; 0.30% Ca, 0.37% tP to optimize BWG and FCR when supplemented with phytase²⁶. Gracia²¹ concluded that broiler performance is improved by enzyme supplementation of the diet.

Bone quality: Results of tibia bone qualities were seen in Table 5. The treatment effect was significant ($p < 0.05$) in all tibia values. Applegate²⁷ dietary NPP formulations can be substantially reduced from industry averages without negatively affecting bird performance or bone mineralization at 49 d of age. Punna and Roland⁷

Table 4: Analysis of variance and average (Mean±SD) slaughter and carcass values of broiler chicks fed high levels of phytase and nonphytate Phosphorous (nPP) with different levels of Crude Protein 19.5 and 23% CP for 42 days

0.45% available Phosphorous(nP)				
CP				
23%				
19.5%				
Items	0	750	0	750
Slaughter weight	1881.10±6.80 ^b	1988.86±6.8 ^a	1888.89±7.1 ^b	1922.20±7.09 ^a
Hot carcass wt.	1316.77±148.6 ^a	1414.47±148.6 ^a	1346.37±72.6 ^a	1370.22±72.63 ^a
Cold carcass wt.	1328.77±121.3 ^a	1427.47±121.3 ^a	1333.37±51.04 ^a	1358.22±51.04 ^a
Shrinkage (%)	0.36±0.4 ^a	0.35±0.1 ^a	0.59±0.04 ^a	0.32±0.01 ^b
Hot dressing (%)	69.00±6.80 ^a	69.12±6.80 ^a	69.66±6.80 ^a	69.59±6.80 ^a
Cold dressing (%)	68.64±6.80 ^a	68.77±6.80 ^a	68.87±6.80 ^a	69.28±6.80 ^a
Liver(%)	3.22±6.80 ^a	3.25±6.80 ^a	2.78±0.13 ^a	3.00±0.13 ^a
Heart (%)	0.45±.086 ^a	0.46±0.086 ^a	0.28±0.13 ^a	0.26±0.13 ^a
Gizzard (%)	3.70±.086 ^a	3.75±0.086 ^a	3.28±0.13 ^a	3.50±0.13 ^a
Breast	41.60±6.80 ^a	40.86±6.80 ^a	21.528±6.80 ^b	40.17±6.80 ^a
Thigh (%)	31.55±7.086 ^a	31.30±7.086 ^a	29.52±0.13 ^a	29.48±0.13 ^a
Total edible part (%)	79.22±7.09 ^a	78.62±7.086 ^a	74.67±7.461 ^a	75.03±7.461 ^a

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Table 5: Analysis of variance and average (Mean±SD) tibia values of broiler chicks fed high levels of phytase and nonphytate Phosphorous (nPP) with different levels of Crude Protein 19.5 and 23% CP for 42 days

0.45% available Phosphorous(nP)				
CP				
23%				
19.5%				
Items	0	750	0	750
Tibia length (TL) cm	7.00±0.08 ^b	7.31±0.08 ^a	6.83±1.89 ^a	6.84±1.89 ^a
Tibia width (TW) cm	0.57±0.09 ^a	0.63±0.09 ^a	0.512±0.65 ^a	0.53±0.65 ^a
Tibia breaking strength (TBS) kg	23.70±0.65 ^b	29.80±0.65 ^a	30.02±1.89 ^a	30.01±1.89 ^a

Means within the same columns with different superscript are significantly (p<0.05) different

Table 6: Analysis of variance and average (Mean±SD) tibia mineral values of broiler chicks fed high levels of phytase and nonphytate Phosphorous (nPP) with different levels of Crude Protein 19.5 and 23% CP for 42 days

0.45% available Phosphorous(nP)				
CP				
23%				
19.5%				
Items	0	750	0	750
Dry matter	92.60±0.65 ^b	94.97±0.65 ^a	94.10±1.90 ^a	95.21±1.90 ^a
Phosphorous	0.50±0.08 ^a	0.46±0.08 ^a	0.63±0.08 ^a	0.60±0.08 ^a
Sodium	1.64±0.08 ^a	1.53±0.08 ^b	1.56±0.08 ^a	1.61±0.08 ^a
Calcium	13.13±1.90 ^a	13.07±1.90 ^b	13.20±0.67 ^a	12.63±0.67 ^a
Ash	48.58±0.65 ^a	48.80±0.65 ^b	46.30±1.90 ^a	46.60±1.90 ^a

Means within the same columns with different superscript are significantly (p<0.05) different

investigated that bone quality among individual birds were related to the variation in phytate phosphorus retention.²²Correlations among the percentage bone ash, total bone ash, and bone strength indicated a strong relation and appear to support the use of bone strength analysis Test mean value for tibia bone length and tibia bone breaking strength was higher (p>0.05) than the control. Mean value for tibia width was similar (p>0.05) to the control. Skinner²⁸ documented that tibia strength was significantly (p = 0.001) affected by dietary treatment. Within each NPP level, tibia strength

increased as Ca level of the diet increased. An improvement bone performance was observed due to increased available P when using the low phytate grains over the wild-type grains²².

Tibia chemical analyses: The results of tibia chemical analysis were cited in Table 6. Treatment effect in all tibia chemical analyses was significant (p<0.05). Test mean values for tibia phosphorous, sodium, calcium and ash, were similar (p>0.05) to the control. The test group mean value in dry matter was higher (p<0.05) than the

Table 7: Analysis of variance and average (Mean $\pm$ SD) phosphorus availability of broiler chicks fed high levels of phytase and nonphytate Phosphorous (nPP) with different levels of Crude Protein 19.5 and 23% CP for 42 days

Items	0.45% available Phosphorous(nP)			
	CP			
	23%		19.5%	
	0	750	0	750
Total feed consumption (g)	4110.60 $\pm$ 56.86 ^a	3624.40 $\pm$ 51.05 ^b	4341.67 $\pm$ 0.05 ^a	3360.00 $\pm$ 56.86 ^b
Total P consumption (mg)	3193.01 $\pm$ 85.44 ^b	3621.44 $\pm$ 85.44 ^a	3825.01 $\pm$ 39.1 ^a	2960.16 $\pm$ 4.41 ^b
Total manure excreted (g)	1087.32 $\pm$ 10.69 ^b	1223.18 $\pm$ 15.37 ^a	1302.50 $\pm$ 10.69 ^a	1008.00 $\pm$ 15.70 ^b
Total P excreted (mg)	645.64 $\pm$ 186.67 ^a	611.59 $\pm$ 186.67 ^a	795.99 $\pm$ 43.43 ^a	556.81 $\pm$ 4.61 ^b
Total P retained (mg)	2547.45 $\pm$ 108.69 ^b	3009.85 $\pm$ 108.69 ^a	3029.03 $\pm$ 108.70 ^a	2403.34 $\pm$ 108.70 ^b
Total P retention (%)	79.78 $\pm$ 0.82 ^b	83.11 $\pm$ 0.82 ^a	79.19 $\pm$ 0.31 ^b	81.19 $\pm$ 0.44 ^a

Means within the same columns with different superscript are significantly ($p < 0.05$) different

Table 8: Analysis of variance and average (mean $\pm$ st.dev) Calcium availability of broiler chicks fed high levels of phytase and nonphytate Phosphorous (nPP) with different levels of Crude Protein 19.5 and 23% CP for 42 days

Items	0.45% available Phosphorous(nP)			
	CP			
	23%		19.5%	
	0	750	0	750
Total feed consumption (g)	4110.60 $\pm$ 56.86 ^a	3624.40 $\pm$ 0.05 ^b	4341.67 $\pm$ 0.05 ^a	3360.00 $\pm$ 56.86 ^b
Total Ca consumption (mg)	6668.89 $\pm$ 123.4 ^b	7563.504 $\pm$ 123.40 ^a	6338.84 $\pm$ 45.7 ^a	4905.60 $\pm$ 27.9 ^b
Total manure excreted (g)	1087.32 $\pm$ 153.49 ^a	1223.18 $\pm$ 153.49 ^a	1302.50 $\pm$ 10.69 ^a	1008.00 $\pm$ 10.69 ^b
Total Ca excreted (mg)	1768.59 $\pm$ 343.83 ^a	1598.17 $\pm$ 343.83 ^a	1255.72 $\pm$ 8.16 ^a	853.59 $\pm$ 6.82 ^b
Total Ca retained (mg)	4900.31 $\pm$ 565.24 ^a	5965.34 $\pm$ 565.24 ^a	5083.12 $\pm$ 0.86 ^a	4052.01 $\pm$ 0.47 ^b
Total Ca retention (%)	73.48 $\pm$ 0.86 ^b	78.87 $\pm$ 0.47 ^a	80.19 $\pm$ 0.86 ^b	82.60 $\pm$ 0.47 ^a

Means within the same columns with different superscript are significantly ($p < 0.05$) different

control group. According to Korengay¹ graded levels of phytase increased Ca and P retention by up to 18 and 14%, respectively, for 66 and 660 mg of D3/kg diet. That increased utilization of phytate Ca and P results in increased Ca and P retention is also supported by our findings of an increase in Ca, P, Zn, and Mg in bone ash and improved bone calcification and histological development. El-Husseiny¹⁶ documented that phytase supplementation to low- nPP diets improved tibia weight and mineral retention.

Minerals balance: The mineral phosphorous availability is shown in Table 7. Effect in all phosphorous availability measurements was significant ($p < 0.05$). Test mean values for P consumptions, total manure excreted, total P retained and total P retention % values were higher ($p > 0.05$) than the control. Test group mean value for total P excreted was similar ($p > 0.05$) in value compared to the control. Test means value for feed consumptions was lower ($p < 0.05$) compared to the control. Shirley and dwards²⁹ suggested that higher levels of phytase can be used to improve the overall utilization of phytate P and possibly other nutrients in a tP-deficient diet. Viveros³⁰ demonstrated that microbial phytase supplementation to low-P diets improved performance; P, Ca, Mg, and Zn use; and tibia weight and relative liver

weight in broiler chickens. Lan²⁵ supplementation of phytase increased ($p < 0.05$) the AME value, digestibility of DM and CP, and retention of P, Ca, and Cu. Mn retention in broilers was only increased ($p < 0.05$) by phytase supplementation from 18 to 20 d of age, and Zn retention was improved ($p < 0.05$) only at a high level of 1,000 U phytase/kg of feed supplementation.

Calcium availability: The mineral calcium availability is cited in Table 8. Driver³¹ observed that the true value of phytase is a complex function of dietary Ca, total and phytate P concentrations, and the cost of Ca and P supplementation. Treatment effect in all calcium availability measurements was significant ($p < 0.05$). Test group mean values of total Ca consumption and total Ca retention% were higher ($p < 0.05$) in value compared to the control. Test group means values for total manure excreted, total Ca excreted and total Ca retention was similar ($p > 0.05$). Test means value for total feed consumptions was lower ($p < 0.05$) compared to the control. ⁷ available phosphorus in the diet significantly influenced the level of phytate phosphorus retention. In turkey hens grown to market age, partial substitution of phytase for a P did not result in increased P retention from commercial corn-soybean meal diets⁶. Yan³² suggested that phytase supplementation should allow for

Table 9: Major inputs and margin over major inputs (per head) of broiler chicks fed high levels of phytase and nonphytate Phosphorous (nPP) with different levels of Crude Protein 19.5 and 23% CP for 42 days

Item	0.45% available Phosphorous(nPP)			
	CP			
	23%		19.5%	
	0	750	0	750
Meat sales (SDD)*	1227.272	1292.759	1192.23	1171.183
Chick purchase (SDD)	185.00	185.00	185.00	185.00
Feed cost(SDD)**	180.85	159.46	177.502	137.368
Major cost of production	515.85	494.46	512.502	472.368
Margin over major inputs	711.422	798.299	679.728	698.815
Profitability	57.97	61.75	57.013	59.67
Profitability ratio	1.00	1.065	1.000	1.048

*At current (April'2004) prices of meat 650 SDD/ kg, **At current (April'2004) price of mash 40.8834 SDD/ kg

markedly reduced excretion of phosphorus in the litter with no reduction in live performance or in bone development. El-Husseiny¹⁶ phytase supplementation to low- nPP diets improved decreased plasma (P<0.01) Ca, Zn, and Mg levels.

Economy profile: Major inputs and margin over inputs (SDG) of different dietary treatments of broiler chicks were shown in Table 9. Chick purchase and Feed cost values (SDG) were the major inputs considered and margin over inputs (SDG) of different dietary treatments of broiler. The total selling values of meat is the total income obtained. Profitability ratio (1.065 and 1.048) of the test group (750 FYT/U) was higher than the control group. Economicwise, the addition of phytase could make reasonable profits than without its addition. The profitability element here is based on feed, as it constitutes more than 60% of the ration cost for poultry feeding. Further benefits lie within the improvement of digestibilities and consequent by better utilization of nutrients. ²³ net profits (kg live bird) was significantly better in broiler group fed diet supplemented with enzyme 50 g /100 kg. It was assumed always that in this and similar studies, purchases of stock are equal and good if management is similarly run. El-Husseiny¹⁶ phytase supplementation to low- nPP diets improved nutrients digestibility coefficients, economic efficiency. Margin differences only lies in gains achieved. In intensive and large scale poultry production, minor inputs and good management always proved critical.

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