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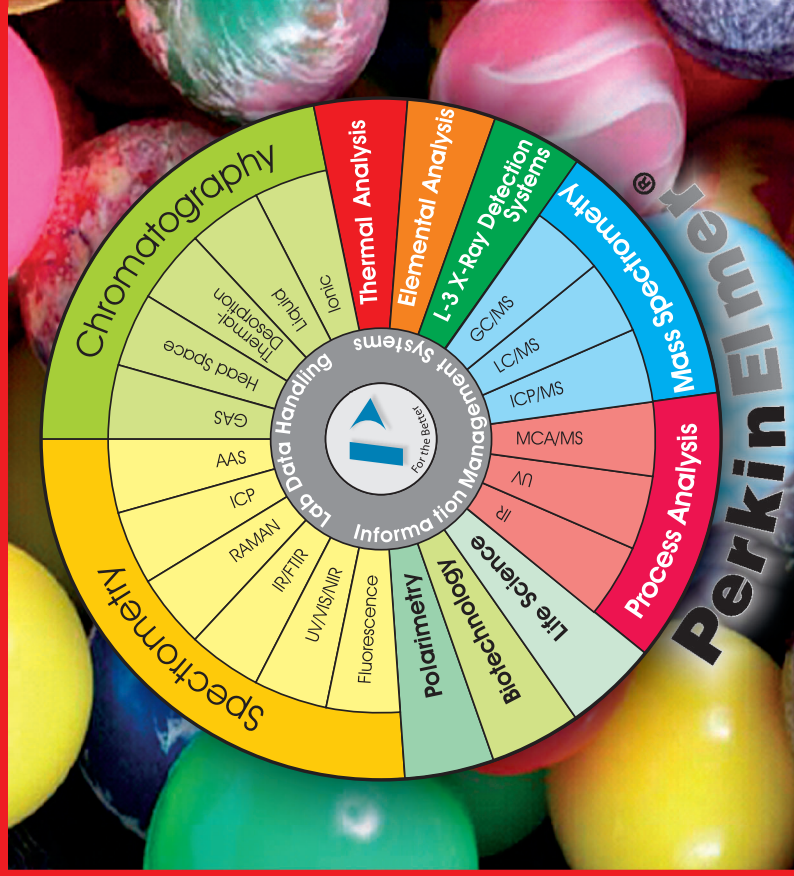
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Effect of addition of multienzyme preparation VemoZyme® Plus on productive and slaughter parameters and meat composition of broiler chickens, fed wheat-corn-soybean meal diets

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Abstract. An experiment, lasting 42 days, was made to study the effect of addition of Bulgarian multienzyme complex VemoZyme® Plus on productive and slaughter performance and chemical meat composition of broiler chickens, fed wheat-corn-soybean meal based diets. In this trial 120 male one day old chickens of „Ross 308” hybrid, kept in battery cages, divided into 4 groups (distributed equally in three repetitions in each group) were used: 1. Positive control, fed with balanced diet; 2. Positive control with addition of 0.05 % VemoZyme® Plus. 3. Negative control, fed with diet, contains 5 % less metabolizable energy (ME) and digestible essential amino acids (DEAA)–lysine, methionine+cystine, treonine. 4. Negative control with addition of 0.05% by VemoZyme® Plus. Tested enzyme preparation had no significant effect on the live weight, feed conversion, slaughter indices, protein and fat composition in the white meat of broiler chickens, fed with balanced diets. Addition of VemoZyme® Plus to the diets of diminished nutritive value, increases (compared to the same, without addition of VemoZyme® Plus) with 8.0 ($P<0.05$) and 5.7% ($P<0.05$) live weight, respectively through the grower and whole 42 days period, improved feed conversion with 11.0 ($P<0.05$) and 4.7 % ($P>0.05$) respectively through the grower and the whole fattening period, has a positive ($P<0.05$) effect on grill weight (with 6.5 %), without significantly affecting percentage of protein and fat in the white meat, compared with the control group.

Keywords: broilers, productive indices, enzyme, wheat-corn-soybean meal diet, carcass parameters, meat composition

Abbreviations: AME – apparent metabolizable energy, DEAA – digestible essential amino acids, ME – metabolizable energy, NSPs – Non-Starch Polysaccharides

Introduction

Feeding enzymes in poultry is one of the major nutritional advances in the last fifty years. The benefits of using enzymes as feeding additives in poultry diets include not only enhanced bird performance, digestibility and utilization of nutrients, but also less environmental and ecological problems. A serious achievement in the field of the feeding enzymes is developing of multienzyme preparations, containing combination of different enzymes, considered with the component contents of compound feeds. In this connection, the enzymes, recommended about diets with high participation of wheat and soybean meal, take a peculiar interest, as the last are basic components in the broilers' diets. There are potential problems in the utilization of high percent of wheat in the diets (Georgieva et al., 1997; McNab, 1996; Mathlouthi et al., 2002; Choct et al., 2009), especially for young birds, which is connected with the content of indigestible carbohydrates fractions – Non-Starch Polysaccharides (NSPs), basically pentosans and less glucans. Poultry don't produce enzymes for the hydrolysis of NSPs, present in the cell wall of the grains and they remain un-hydrolyzed. The intestinal viscosity, caused by water-soluble NSPs, dramatically reduces bird production (Choct and Annison, 1992b; Ward, 1995; Georgieva et al., 1997; Mathlouthi et al., 2002). The content of NSPs in the diet is inversely related to the apparent metabolizable energy (AME) of wheat (Annison, 1991) and positively correlated with gut

viscosity (Bedford et al., 1991; Bedford and Classen, 1992). Gut viscosity is inversely related to nutrient utilization and bird performance (Bedford et al., 1991; Annison, 1992; Bedford and Classen, 1992). The wheat contains substances (inhibitors), suppress the enzyme activity of α -amylase, which is important about the digestibility of the starch. The investigation of Choct and Annison (1992a) demonstrated that the concentration of soluble arabinoxylan in broiler diets is positively correlated with the relative depression in AME, nitrogen retention, feed-conversion efficiency, and weight gain. Wheat diets containing 4% arabinoxylans decreased digestibility of starch, protein, and lipids by 14.6, 18.7, and 25.8%, respectively. One of the reasons about the low content of metabolizable energy in the soybean meal is the presence of indigestible oligosaccharides in its content (bigger part of α -D-galactosides). These substances influence negatively on the digestibility of nutrients in the diet. Bi Yu and Chung (2004) expressed an opinion that supplementing with 3% reduction ME corn-soybean meal-based diets to broilers with NSPs-degrading enzymes (α -amylase, β -glucanase, xylanase) potentially improved the utilization of soybean meal, allowed full restoration of growth performance, comparable to adequate energy positive control.

The aim of the present study is to investigate the effect of the addition of Bulgarian polyenzyme preparation Vemozyme® Plus in wheat-corn-soybean meal diets on productive parameters of broilers.

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Material and methods

Vemozyme® Plus is a complex enzyme preparation, produced by „Vemo 99” – Bulgaria, with a wide range of action, containing the enzymes: xylanase, cellulase, β -glucanase, lipase, α -galactosidase, utilized about compound feeds for nonruminant animals, with higher participation of wheat, barley, triticale, soybean meal, sunflower oil meal and others. For realization of the aim, it was made scientific experiment in Trakia University, Stara Zagora. The present study was conducted with total 120 male one day old „Ross 308” broiler chickens, keep in battery cages, divided into 4 groups, each comprising 30 chicks, distributed equally in three repetitions. The chickens were brought up in controlled microclimatic conditions, according to the requirements of the hybrid “Ross 308”. Feed and

water were supplied *ad libitum*. In 42 days fattening period, it was controlled individually the live weight of the chickens, aged 10, 28 and 42 days and the consumption of feed in subgroups, about the relevant age periods. In the end of the experiment, 4 chickens of mean live weight from each group were separated, it was made slaughter analysis on them and average samples were taken for analysis the chemical composition of the meat samples of the breast. The obtained data were statistically processed via ANOVA, Statistica 06 for t-test significance of the differences.

The composition and feeding value of the used compound feeds are presented in Table 1, and the results about weight development of the chickens, feed conversion, slaughter and chemical analysis (AOAC, 1990) of the white meat in Tables 2, 3 and 4 respectively. Starter, grower and finisher diets for control group and 1st experimental one were formulated according to the requirements of

Table 1. Composition of the compound feed, %

Components	Groups											
	Starter				Grower				Finisher			
	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
	Control 100%ME 100% DEAA	Experi- mental 100%ME 100% DEAA + 0,05% Vemozyme	Experi- mental 95%ME 95% DEAA	Experi- mental 95%ME 95% DEAA + 0,05% Vemozyme	Control 100%ME 100% DEAA	Experi- mental 100%ME 100% DEAA + 0,05% Vemozyme	Experi- mental 95%ME 95% DEAA	Experi- mental 95%ME 95% DEAA + 0,05% Vemozyme	Control 100%ME 100% DEAA	Experi- mental 100%ME 100% DEAA + 0,05% Vemozyme	Experi- mental 95%ME 95% DEAA	Experi- mental 95%ME 95% DEAA + 0,05% Vemozyme
Maize	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
Wheat	27.4	27.4	31.66	31.66	27.04	27.04	30.92	30.92	39.66	39.66	43.61	43.61
Sunflower expeller	5	5	5.0	5.0	5	5	5	5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Fish meal	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Sunflower oil	6.8	6.8	3.5	3.5	8.5	8.5	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.7	2.6	2.6
L-lysine	0.28	0.28	0.22	0.22	0.12	0.12	0.07	0.07	0.15	0.15	0.10	0.10
DL-methionine	0.35	0.35	0.29	0.29	0.27	0.27	0.22	0.22	0.21	0.21	0.16	0.16
Treonine	0.14	0.14	0.11	0.11	0.07	0.07	0.03	0.03	0.08	0.08	0.05	0.05
Salt	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30
Limestone	0.79	0.79	0.82	0.82	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.75	0.75	0.78	0.78
Dicalcium phosphate	1.95	1.95	1.90	1.90	1.8	1.8	1.76	1.76	1.45	1.45	1.40	1.40
VMPremix	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
Calculated analysis, %												
Crude protein	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	21.0	21.0	21.0	21.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0
Dig. Lysine	1.27	1.27	1.21	1.21	1.10	1.10	1.05	1.05	0.97	0.97	0.92	0.92
Dig. M + C	0.94	0.94	0.89	0.89	0.84	0.84	0.80	0.80	0.76	0.76	0.72	0.72
Dig. Treonine	0.83	0.83	0.79	0.79	0.73	0.73	0.69	0.69	0.65	0.65	0.62	0.62
Dig. Triptofane	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20
Calcium	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.05	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85
Crude fibres	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.1
Available Phosphorus	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42
ME, MJ/kg	13.4	13.4	12.6	12.6	13.7	13.7	13.1	13.1	13.4	13.4	12.7	12.7

„Ross 308”, and these ones for 1st experimental group were enriched with 0,05% *Vemozyme® Plus*. About better account of the effect from added multienzyme preparation, the diets of 3rd and 4th experimental groups contained 5% less metabolizable energy (ME) and digestible essential amino acids (DEAA), compared to the control one, and 0,05% *Vemozyme® Plus* was added in the diet of 4th experimental group.

Results and discussion

In Table 2, the results from weight development of the chickens are presented, and in Table 3 – the data about the feed efficiency. The feeding with enriched with 0,05% *Vemozyme® Plus* balanced diets for the chickens from 2nd group, didn't influence significantly the

live weight of throughout the fattening period. At age 42 days, chickens from the 2nd group have the same body weight (2714 g), compared to these from the control one (without *Vemozyme® Plus*)-2693. The chickens from 3rd experimental group (negative control), obtaining the diet with 5 % decreased contents of ME and DEAA reached 8,1% (P< 0,05), 10,3% (P< 0,05) and 7,6% (P>0,05) lower live weight, compared to 1st group, respectively at 10, 28 and 42 days. The additive of 0,05% *Vemozyme® Plus* to the same diet (4th group), improves significantly (P< 0,05) the live weight of the chickens, aged 28 (1423 g) and 42 days (2629 g) respectively with 8,0 and 5,7% (compared to 3rd group), and the differences on this parameter between the 4th and control group are statistically not significant.

The examined enzyme complex doesn't influenced practically the utilization of feed by the chickens, obtaining 100% balanced diets (2nd experimental group). Broilers from 3rd group, (negative

Table 2. Live weight of the chickens*

Indices	Groups							
	I-control 100% ME, 100% DEAA		II – experimental 100% ME, 100% DEAA + 0,05% <i>Vemozyme® Plus</i>		III – experimental 95% ME, 95% DEAA		IV- experimental 95% ME, 95% DEAA + 0,05% <i>Vemozyme® Plus</i>	
	$\bar{x} \pm S\bar{x}$		$\bar{x} \pm S\bar{x}$		$\bar{x} \pm S\bar{x}$		$\bar{x} \pm S\bar{x}$	
	g	%	g	%	g	%	g	%
Live weight on 1 st day	38		38		38,1		38,3	
Live weight on 10 days	309 ^a ± 7.44	100	292 ^{bc} ± 7.40	94.5	284 ^{bc} ± 5.34	91.9	292 ^{bc} ± 5.43	94.5
						100		102.8
Live weight on 28 days	1469 ^a ± 38.29	100	1462 ^a ± 38.30	99.5	1318 ^{bc} ± 28.95	89.7	1423 ^a ± 28.44	96.9
						100		108.0
Live weight on 42 days	2693 ^{bc} ± 66.50	100	2714 ^a ± 66.51	100.8	2487 ^{bc} ± 50.00	92.4	2629 ^a ± 50.00	97.6
						100		105.7

*The differences between the groups in horizontal level are significant in different letters.

control, fed 5 % reduced ME and DEAA diets, without addition of 0,05% *Vemozyme® Plus*) make worse remarkably – with 6,8-14,4% (P<0,05) the feed conversion, respectively through starter and grower periods, as result the chickens from 3rd group, for total fattening period, have toward the control 5,7% a poorer feed conversion, but the difference among the groups is statistically not significant. The positive effect of the addition of 0,05% *Vemozyme® Plus* to the same ration (4th grope), on this index is in unison with the results about their weight development, who have 11,0 (P<0,05) and 5,3% (P>0,05) better utilization of feed, respectively through the grower and total fattening period, compared to 3rd group (without *Vemozyme® Plus*), and they practically equalized with the control-1732 and 1720 g, respectively. Valchev et al.(2000) find also significant positive results on the body weight and feed efficiency of growing pigs, by placement

of 0,1% complex enzyme premix *Vemozyme® Plus* to the compound feeds with participation of 15% sunflower expeller.

On Table 4, the data, from slaughter and chemical analysis of white meat samples are presented. From all of groups, with the lowest grill weight (P<0,05) are the chickens from 3rd group – 1699 g. The addition of *Vemozyme® Plus* (4th group), in conformity with the results about the live weight, influences positively the grill weight – 1810 g, which is 6,5% higher (P<0,05), than 3rd experimental group, and practically doesn't differ (P>0,05) from the grill weight of the control. The grill's value, expressed as percent from the live weight, is equal practically about all of groups. The changes in weight of the breast and legs, as result of applied feed, follow these ones in the grill, but the differences between the groups aren't significant.

There is a positive tendency by added *Vemozyme® Plus* in the

Table 3. Feed efficiency, kg/kg live weight *

Periods	Groups							
	I-control 100%ME, 100% DEAA		II – experimental 100% ME, 100% DEAA + 0,05% Vemozyme® Plus		III – experimental 95% ME, 95% DEAA		IV- experimental 95% ME, 95% DEAA + 0,05% Vemozyme® Plus	
	$\bar{x} \pm S\bar{x}$		$\bar{x} \pm S\bar{x}$		$\bar{x} \pm S\bar{x}$		$\bar{x} \pm S\bar{x}$	
	g	%	g	%	g	%	g	%
1-10 day	1.190 ^a ± 0.020	100	1.188 ^a ± 0.020	99.83	1.271 ^b ± 0.021	106.8 100	1.275 ^b ± 0.020	107.1 100.3
11-28 day	1.469 ^a ± 0.060	100	1.408 ^a ± 0.060	95.8	1.680 ^b ± 0.060	114.4 100	1.495 ^a ± 0.060	101.8 89.0
29-42 day	2.160 ^a ± 0.106	100	2.167 ^a ± 0.106	100.3	2.099 ^a ± 0.106	97.2 100	2.098 ^a ± 0.106	97.1 99.95
1-42 day	1.720 ^a ± 0.051	100	1.703 ^a ± 0.051	99.0	1.818 ^a ± 0.051	105.7 100	1.732 ^a ± 0.051	100.7 95.3

*The differences between the groups in horizontal level are significant in different letters.

Table 4. Slaughter indices and meat composition*

Indices	Groups			
	I	II	III	IV
	Control 100% ME 100% DEAA	Experimental 100% ME 100% DEAA + 0,05% Vemozyme® Plus	Experimental 95% ME 95% DEAA	Experimental 95% ME 95% DEAA + 0,05% Vemozyme® Plus
Number of chickens	4	4	4	4
Grill, g (%)	1818 ^a (100)	1835 ^a (100.9)	1699 ^b (93.4) /100/	1810 ^a (99.6) /106.5/
%, from the live weight	71.0	71.0	71.0	71.9
Breast, g (%)	675 ^a (100)	700 ^a (103.7)	619 ^a (91.7) /100/	666 ^a (98.7) /107.6/
%, from the grill	37.1	38.1	36.4	36.8
Legs, g (%)	608 ^a (100)	620 ^a (102.0)	567 ^a (93.3) /100/	614 ^a (100.9) /108.3/
% from the grill	33.4	33.8	33.4	33.9
Composition of the white meat (without skin), in natural moisture				
Water, %	73.41 ^a	73.99 ^b	75.15 ^{ac}	73.89 ^{bc}
Protein, %	22.71 ^a	23.08 ^a	22.43 ^a	22.97 ^a
Fats, %	2.42 ^a	2.42 ^a	1.90 ^b	2.79 ^a
Ash, %	0.98	1.04	0.96	1.17

*The differences between the groups in horizontal level are significant in different letters.

both types of diets (100% ME, 100% DEAA – 2nd and 95% ME, 95% DEAA + 0,05% *Vemozyme® Plus* – 4th group) on the contents of protein in the breast meat, but the differences between the groups aren't statistically significant. Least fats in the white meat from all of groups are collected by the chickens from 3rd experimental group – 1,9%, ($P < 0,05$), which can be explained with lower content of energy in the diets. The added enzyme preparation increased statistically significantly the fat content of white meat chicken in the 4th group (2,79%), which could be connected with additionally liberated nutritive substances, by the action of multienzyme preparation.

Conclusions

The additive of 0,05% *Vemozyme® Plus* to the balanced wheat-corn-soybean meal based diets for chickens broilers (Ross 308), didn't influence statistically the live weight and feed conversion through the 42 days fattening period. The feeding with compound feeds with 5% decreased level of ME and DEAA made worse the live weight of the chicks at age 10, 28 and 42 days with 8,1 % ($P < 0,05$), 10,3 % ($P < 0,05$) and 7,6%, respectively ($P > 0,05$), and there is a tendency for decreasing with 5,7 % the feed efficiency for whole fattening period, toward the control.

The addition of 0,05% *Vemozyme® Plus* to the same compound feeds for chickens broilers, (with 5 % decreased level of energy and essential digestible amino acids) improves significantly with 8,0 % (at 28 days) and 5,7 % (at 42 days) the chickens' body weight, compare to the group without *Vemozyme® Plus*, and equalizes them practically by this index with the control with 100% energy and amino acids according to the standard.

The chickens, obtaining the diet with 5 % decreased level of ME and DEAA + additive of 0,05% *Vemozyme® Plus*, have practically the same feed conversion ratio with these ones from the control, being receiving balanced compound feeds (respectively 1,732 and 1,720 kg/kg), and with 5,3% better utilization of the feed ($P > 0,05$) toward these ones obtaining the same compound feeds (3rd group) without additive of 0,05% *Vemozyme® Plus*. The chickens, receiving the compound feeds with 5 % decreased level of energy and amino acids + additive of 0,05% *Vemozyme® Plus*, have the same grill weight, compared to the control (correspondently 1810 and 1818 g, $P > 0,05$) and with 6,5 % ($P < 0,05$) higher grill weight, toward these ones, obtaining the same compound feeds without additive of 0,05% *Vemozyme® Plus*. There aren't significant differences in protein and fat content in the white meat of chickens from the control group and those, receiving enriched with 0.05% *Vemozyme® Plus* balanced or 5% reduced ME and DEAA diets.

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