

EFFECTS OF ENZYME FEED ADDITIVES ON PIG PRODUCTION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY.

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SUMMARY

Effects of enzyme feed additives on pig defecation (excrement volume and its characteristics) and production (growth, utility of feed, health, nutritional conditions and quality of pork) were investigated. All trials were performed on Meicelase (MC), Delicase (DC) and Proctase (PT) in LWD pigs. The volume and characteristics of the excrement were recorded about 12 piglets (about 50.2 kg), which were divided to 3 groups: control group (only formula feed), MC group (formula feed with MC 800 u/g) and DC group (formula feed with MC 500 u/g and PT 50 u/g). These piglets were individually housed and allowed to feed freely for 21 days. The growth and feed efficiency trial was performed using 30 hogs and 30 gilts (about 7.4 kg), which were divided to 3 groups of 10 gilts and hogs each: control, MC and DC groups. These pigs were individually housed and allowed to feed freely for 161 days (189 days after birth). During the feeding tests, the body weight and feed intake were measured for investigation of the growth and utility of feed, i.e. feed conversion, feed efficiency and daily weight gain. The health and nutritional conditions were evaluated by blood analysis. The quality of the pork was checked when each pig weighed approx. 100 kg and was slaughtered. The left side of the carcass was used to determine the carcass quality. The meat of the loin was analyzed for physicochemical characteristics such as pH, color and moisture. The three groups were compared for color, odor, tenderness and flavor and a total score for these sensory evaluations. The results are as follows; addition of enzyme to the feed decreased the excreted volume and characteristics of excrement for animal waste management. In terms of the body weight gain during feeding trial, there were no significant differences between the test groups (MC and DC) and control group. All the pigs in the feeding trial were in good health according to the clinical observation and blood test. The pork quality of the test pigs (MC and DC) was found to be comparable to that of the control group. It is concluded from those results that enzyme additives is useful for decrease and improve pig excrement, and increase production without any troubles in health and nutritional conditions, and meat quality.

INTRODUCTION

One of the biggest problems of livestock industry in Japan is how to treat of animal excrement which used to have the connection with the environmental pollution. In order to develop the technique which decrease the volume of animal excrement and improve the characteristics of excrement, such as BOD and SS etc (OSHIDA et al., 1992), the authors have been studying about enzyme feed additives. At the same time studies have been carried out about effects of additives on growth and feed usability (OSHIDA and KONISHI, 1990), health, nutritional condition (OSHIDA et al., 1990) of pig. There has been no report about the effects of enzyme additives on the pork quality. So far that we present the outline of those studies including meat quality.

MATERIALS and METHODS

Enzyme agents: All trials were performed with Meicelase (MC), Delicase (DC) and Proctase (PT). MC made from cellulase with *Trichoderma viride*. MC is situated complex type enzyme such as contained xylanase and pectinase etc. PT is anti-acidic protease made from *Aspergillus niger*. DC is made of MC and PT. All enzymes were produced by Meiji Seika Co. Ltd. in Japan.

Experimental pigs: All trials were carried out using LWD (Large white X Duroc).

Volume and characteristics of excrement: Twelve piglets (body weight is about 50.2 kg) were divided to 4 groups with 3 heads each; control group, MC 8 group, MC 16 group and DC group. These piglets were controlled under free feeding and drinking with individual feeding program during 21 days (feeding program is shown in Table 1). Excrement was collected from each of the pigs and analyzed for volume, moisture, BOD, SS, particle size distribution and transmissivity of excrement suspension with the following methods; Moisture: Drying

at 105°C for 24 hrs, BOD and SS: Excrement suspension was made in distilled water and it was analyzed according to the testing methods for sewage in Japan (1984a, 1984b), Particle size distribution: Excrement suspension was divided to 7 fractions by sieves and weighed according to the previous report (OSHIDA, 1979), Transmissivity of excrement suspension: The supernatant which made from excrement suspension was centrifuged at

Table 1 Feeding program for improvement of volume and characteristics in porcine excrement

Group	No. of head	Feed composition
Control	3	Formula feed
MC 8	3	Formula feed + MC 800u/g*
MC16	3	Formula feed + MC 1,600u/g
DC	3	Formula feed + MC 500u/g + PT 50u/g

MC:Meicelase DC:Delicase PT:Proctase
* u/g:unit/feed per gram

3,000 rpm for 15 min. measured at 660 nm by a spectrophotometer. **Growth and feed usability:** 30 hogs and 30 gilts (28 days after birth, body weight is about 7.4 kg) were divided to 3 groups each 10 head hogs and gilts, control group, MC group and DC group. These piglets were controlled under free feeding and drinking with group feeding system during 161 days (189 days after birth), feeding program shown in Table 2. During feeding test, body weight and feed intake were measured for investigation of growth and feed usability such as feed conversion, feed efficiency and daily weight gain.

Health and nutritional conditions: Blood was collected from each of the pigs every week during feeding test, and analyzed for Hb, TP, Alb, Glu, GOT, GPT, ALP, BUN and Ca by auto analyzer (Fuji DRI-CHEM 5000, made in Japan).

Quality of pork: Pigs of which body weight were approximately 100 kg was slaughtered. The left side of carcass was determined for quality. A sample of loin meat (*M. longissimus thoracis*, 24hr postmortem) was analyzed for checking some physicochemical characteristics such as pH, color and moisture. Sensory evaluation was also performed according to the method of SCHEFÉ (1952). The panels consisted of 40 girl students. The loin meat, after dipping in boiling water for 10~15 seconds (traditional cooking in Japan, it is called Shabushabu). The loin rolls cured with pickle for 3 weeks, smoked for 6 hrs and cooked at an internal temperature of 75°C were investigated. Three groups were compared for color, odor, tenderness, flavor and given total point evaluations.

RESULTS and DISCUSSION

Volume and characteristics of excrement: Total feeding volume, excrement and characteristics of excrement are shown in Table 3 and 4. for excrement volume, there is significant difference ($p < 0.05$) between control and DC group. Japanese Feeding Standard for Swine (NRCAFF, 1975) describes that, feed which has high energy with poor fiber (TDN; 75~85, crude fiber; 2~3%) is effective to decrease volume of excrement. Based on this information, it is supposed that decrease of excrement in the trial groups is connected to decomposition of crude fiber by the effect of enzyme additives. The moisture of excreta of trial groups have decreased significantly compared

Table 3 Feeding and excrement volume during experiment

Group	Feeding(a) (kg)	Excrement(b) (kg)	(b)/(a) (%)
Control	49.9	31.7	63.5(100)*
MC 8	49.2	28.9	58.7(92)
MC16	49.0	28.3	57.8(91)
DC	50.0	25.8	51.6(81)

*digit of inside parentheses mean index number

with that of control group. The reason make decrease moisture of excreta is considered that polysaccharide such as glucan which is excreted without digestion into excrement has been decomposed by the effect of cellulase in digestive tract and loses its ability to keep moisture, and, as the results, the moisture which is kept in excrement becomes decrease (ANDERSON, 1988). BOD and SS in excreta decreased in trial groups against control group. It is reported that BOD and SS of excreta have decreased when the feed of high energy with poor fiber is given to pigs (SUGAWARA et al., 1976). Above results are considered that decomposition of crude fiber in feed is promoted by the effect of cellulase in enzyme additives. Particle size of distribution of excrement became fine with enzyme addition (Table 5). It is surmised that addition of enzyme additives has greatly participated to digest of crude fiber under consideration that the particle size distribution getting fine when digestibility of feed is

Table 2 Feeding program for feedig trial

Group	No. of head	Feed composition
Control	♂10 ♀10	Formula feed
MC	♂10 ♀10	Formula feed+MC 1,600u/g*
DC	♂10 ♀10	Formula feed+MC 500u/g+PT 500u/g

MC:Meicelase DC:Delicase PT:Proctase
* u/g:unit/feed per gram

Table 4 Characteristics of excreta

Group	Moisture (%)	BOD (mg/1)	SS (mg/1)	Transmissivity (%)
Control	75.3 (100)	81,000 (100)	181,000 (100)	66.0
MC 8	70.8 (94.0)	72,300 (89.3)	179,600 (99.2)	57.0
MC16	70.5 (93.6)	70,300 (86.8)	160,830 (88.9)	52.6
DC	71.3 (94.7)	66,125 (81.6)	150,000 (82.9)	56.6

*digit of inside parentheses mean index number

Table 5 Particle size distribution (%)

mesh	Control	MC 8	MC16
4	3.1	1.1	1.7
8.6	46.7	38.9	35.4
18	36.5	41.1	41.8
42	11.3	14.4	11.0
60	2.0	0.9	3.0
83	0.3	1.1	2.5
140	0.1	2.5	4.6

(FURUHASHI et al., 1975). It is concluded that the enzyme additives are useful for decrease and improvement of pig excrement.

Health and feed usability: The data for productive performance are shown in Table 6. There is significant difference in gain of body weight between trial (MC and DC) and control groups. However, productivity of MC and DC groups are essentially the same. According to NEUDOERFFER and SMITH (1969) the use of enzyme additives is effectual way to improve digestion, and increasing weight and daily weight gain.

Health and nutritional conditions: The items of anemia and nutritional conditions (TP, Alb, Glu, T-chol, Hb), of hepatic and nephric functions (BUN, GPT) and bone formation (ALP, Ca) were observed with growth. There was no significant change for these items between groups (Table 7). This indicates that the use of enzyme additives is no special problem in the raising of pigs.

Table 6 Productivity of pigs given enzyme agent

Items	Control	MC	DC
Initial BW(kg)	7.3	7.4	7.4
Final BW(kg)	101.5	108.5	108.0
Live weight gain(kg)	94.8	102.6	102.5
Daily gain(g/day)			
Former period	405	460	462
Middle period	656	724	719
Final period	642	652	647
All period	589	637	637
Feed conversion	2.56	2.42	2.42
Feed efficiency	0.39	0.41	0.41

Table 7 Changes in blood constituents with health and nutritional conditions of pigs during experiment

Items	3 month			4 month			5 month			6 month		
	Cont.	MC	DC	Cont.	MC	DC	Cont.	MC	DC	Cont.	MC	DC
TP(g/dl)	6.3	6.0	6.4	6.6	6.6	6.7	6.9	6.9	7.2	7.3	6.8	6.9
Alb(g/dl)	3.9	3.7	3.8	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.6	3.7	3.6	4.0	3.8	3.8
BUN(mg/dl)	14.6	15.5	16.2	15.4	16.6	15.6	15.3	16.0	15.2	16.9	15.1	16.4
Glu(mg/dl)	112	113	116	115	110	113	111	106	102	108	103	106
T-chol(mg/dl)	92	89	92	95	95	94	99	99	100	104	93	98
GOT(IU/L)	39	41	37	35	34	35	32	26	29	32	27	27
GPT(IU/L)	27	26	27	22	24	26	22	22	23	26	26	27
ALP(IU/L)	371	352	359	329	260	325	269	253	260	298	265	297
Hb(g/dl)	13.1	12.6	13.2	13.3	13.3	14.0	13.1	13.0	13.5	14.7	13.7	14.3
Ca(mg/dl)	10.2	9.7	10.0	10.6	9.7	10.1	11.7	11.3	11.5	11.8	11.2	11.5

Cont.:Control IU/L:International unit

Macrofindings: The carcasses of all the experimental pigs showed to be good. Their quality was within the normal range in all cases (Table 8). The physicochemical characteristics of the meat are shown in the Table 9. The visual color score of the meat on the Pork Color Standard of Japan (NAKAI et al, 1975), Hunters value and total heme content (as percent of hemoglobin %) did not differ significantly in the control and trial (MC and DC) groups. Table 10 and 11 (Shabushabu) are shown as an operative of the results for sensory evaluation. No significant difference in color were observed in the three groups. The other items of sensory evaluation in Shabushabu and loin rolls were analyzed in the same way as Shabushabu in Table 10. In the results of sensory evaluation, no significant difference could be observed among the three groups.

Table 8 Carcass quality of pigs

Items	Control	MC	DC
Final body weight(kg)	101.5	108.5	108.0
Carcass weight(kg)	70.2	72.3	70.5
Dressing percent(%)	66.4	66.2	65.5
Eye muscle area(cm ²)	25.0	26.0	26.3
Back fat thickness(cm)	2.6	2.4	2.7

Table 9 Meat quality of pigs

Items	Control	MC	DC
Visual color score	4.3	4.1	3.8
L value	43.1	43.7	42.4
a value	20.4	21.0	20.3
b value	8.3	9.1	8.1
Total heme pigments(%)	0.088	0.095	0.091
Moisture(%)	5.68	5.58	5.63
Water holding capacity(%)	73.5	74.1	73.6
pH	79.5	78.3	79.1
Boiling point(°C)	42.0	42.3	43.1

Table 10 Distribution of score for sensory evaluation by paired comparisons (Shabushabu·color)

Combination	Score							Total
	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	
A→B		1	2	3	10			6
B→A		1	10	3	2			-10
C→D		1	6	1	7	1		1
D→C		3	2	1	8	2		4
E→F		1	6	4	3	2		-1
F→E	1	1	4	2	5	3		2
Total	1	8	30	14	35	8	0	

Control: B and E, MC:C and F, DC:A and D

CONCLUSIONS:

1) Addition of enzyme for feed qualified to decrease of excrement volume and improved the characteristics of excrement for animal waste management; 2) There were significant differences in body weight gain between groups of trial (MC and DC) and control; 3) All the pigs in feeding trial were in good health according to clinical observation and blood test, and 4) The quality of the pork from trial (MC and DC) pig was found quite comparable to that of a pig given only conventional formula feed.

Table 11 Analysis of variance for sensory evaluation by paired comparisons (Shabushabu-color)

Sources	Sum of squares	d. f.	Mean square	F value
Main effects	7.52	2	3.76	2.64
Combination effects	1.04	1	1.04	0.75
Order effects	1.31	3	0.44	0.32
Error	128.12	90	1.42	
Total	138	96		

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