



Measures to maintain a good Intestinal health in Brazil and other Latin American Countries

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Poultry Production in Some Latin American Countries

- Brazil and the Latin American Region – Characteristics
 - ✓ Twenty two Countries produce broiler birds and layers.
 - ✓ Turkey and other species are negligible.
 - ✓ Brazil, Argentina, Chile are the main exporters.
 - ✓ Per capita consumption range from 35 to 48 kg in those three Countries.
 - ✓ Consumption in other Countries range from 20 – 35 kg.
 - ✓ Approved AGPs and anticoccidial are widely used (Codex Alimentarius).
 - ✓ Most meat output comes from Integrations: JBS, AURORA, BRF (Brazil), BACHOCO (Mexico), SUPER POLLO (Chile), SAN FERNANDO (Peru), other.

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- Brazil and the Latin American Region – Characteristics
 - ✓ Typical production system is high concentration birds/square meter.
 - ✓ Most popular genetics are ROSS and COBB.
 - ✓ Specific demands from importers are attended: organic, vegetable feed, religious concerns, animal welfare etc.
 - ✓ Environment and climate conditions are quite variable: tropical; arid; highlands, arid / desert, mediterranean, etc.
 - ✓ Main production companies migrating to areas that are closer to ports and cereal producing regions and away from excess of heat or high altitude.

Climatic Zones in Latin America

- Highland
- Humid Subtropical
- Arid
- Semi – arid
- Tropical Wet (and dry)

Mediterranean
Marine Costal





Climatic Zones in India

- Highland
- Humid Subtropical
- Tropical wet & Dry
- Arid
- Semi – arid
- Tropical Wet

Poultry Production in Some Latin American Countries



Year	USDA DABASE Production - 1000 T.	BROILERS + Imports	TURKEYS Exports	Total
INDIA				
2015	3905	0	9	3896
2022	5457	0	8	5449
ARGENTINA				
2015	2139	17	316	1840
2022	2535	9	425	2119
BRAZIL				
2015	15332	1	3965	11368
2022	18387	1	4765	13623
CENT AM. & CARIBBEAN				
2015	1364	466	8	1822
2022	1442	565	8	1999
MEXICO				
2015	3060	899	14	3945
2022	3393	1240	22	4611

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- Brazil and the Latin American Region – Characteristics
 - ✓ Feeding systems usually follow nutrition models of USA, Brazil and sometimes Spain.

Some typical **nutrient levels** of *broiler bird feeds*

Nutrient	Days of Age in Country A				Days of Age in Country B			
	0-10	10-21	21-35	>35	0-10	10-21	21-35	>35
ME (kcal/kg)	3000	3100	3200	3300	2950	3000	3050	3100
CP (%)	23	22	21	19	22	20	19	17,5
Lys d (%)	1,35	1,25	1,15	1	1,3	1,2	1,05	0,9
Av.P (%)	0,5	0,46	0,44	0,4	0,5	0,47	0,40	0,36
Na (%)	0,23	0,18	0,18	0,18	0,26	0,18	0,16	0,16

R. Sanches et. Al.

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- ✓ Few Countries produce enough feed ingredients locally.

Some typical diet ingredients for *broiler birds*

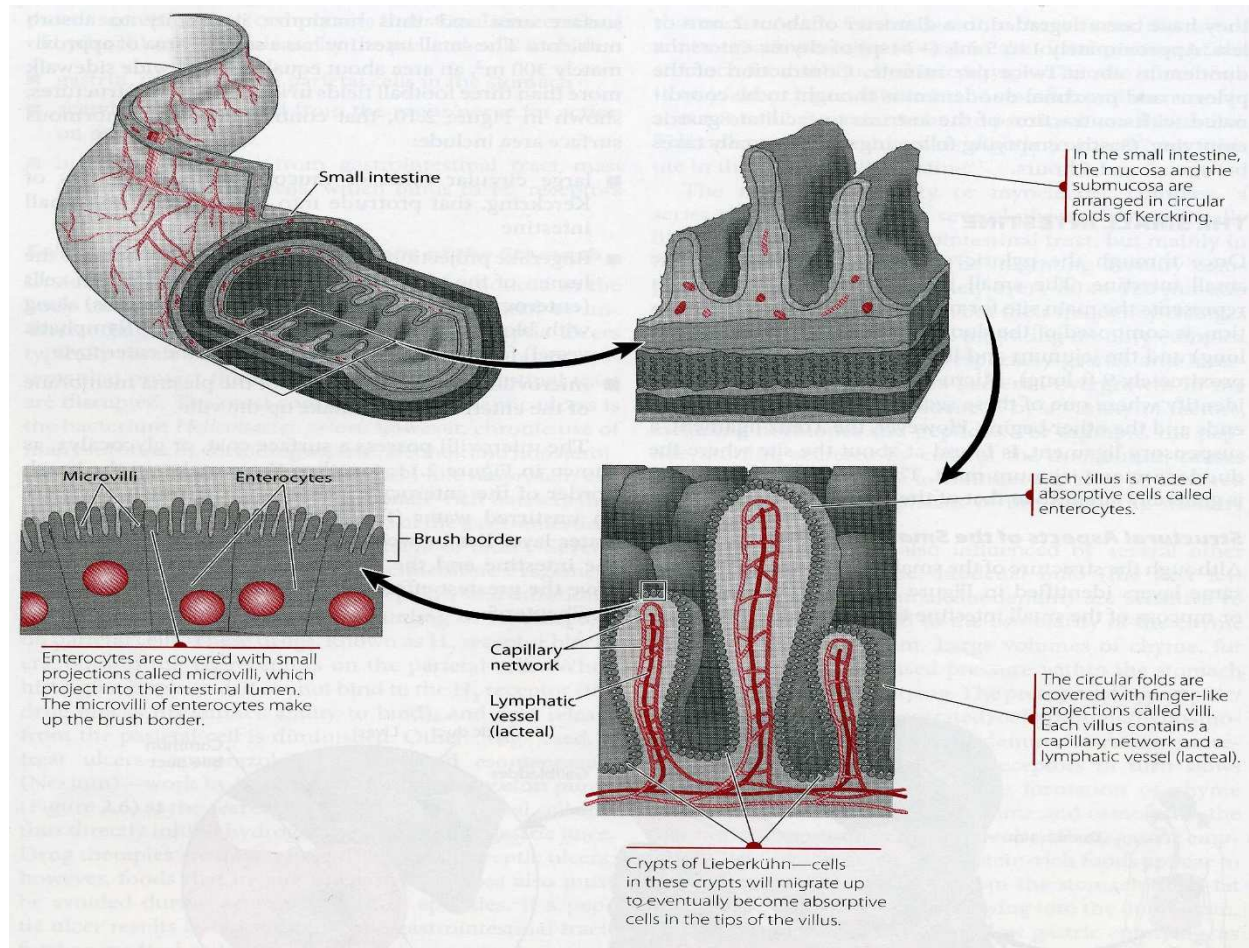
Raw Material	Origin	Pre-starter	Starter	Grower	Finisher
Corn	Argentina/USA	38,4	59	44	63
SBM	Argentina/USA	18	23	15	8
Full fat SB	Arg/Brazil/Paraguav	8,7	12	10	22
Fish meal	Ecuador, Peru, Chile	3	2,5	1	
Oil/ animal fat	Brazil, Arg. / Local	3	2,5	1	

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Typical nutrient levels and ages of broiler breeders

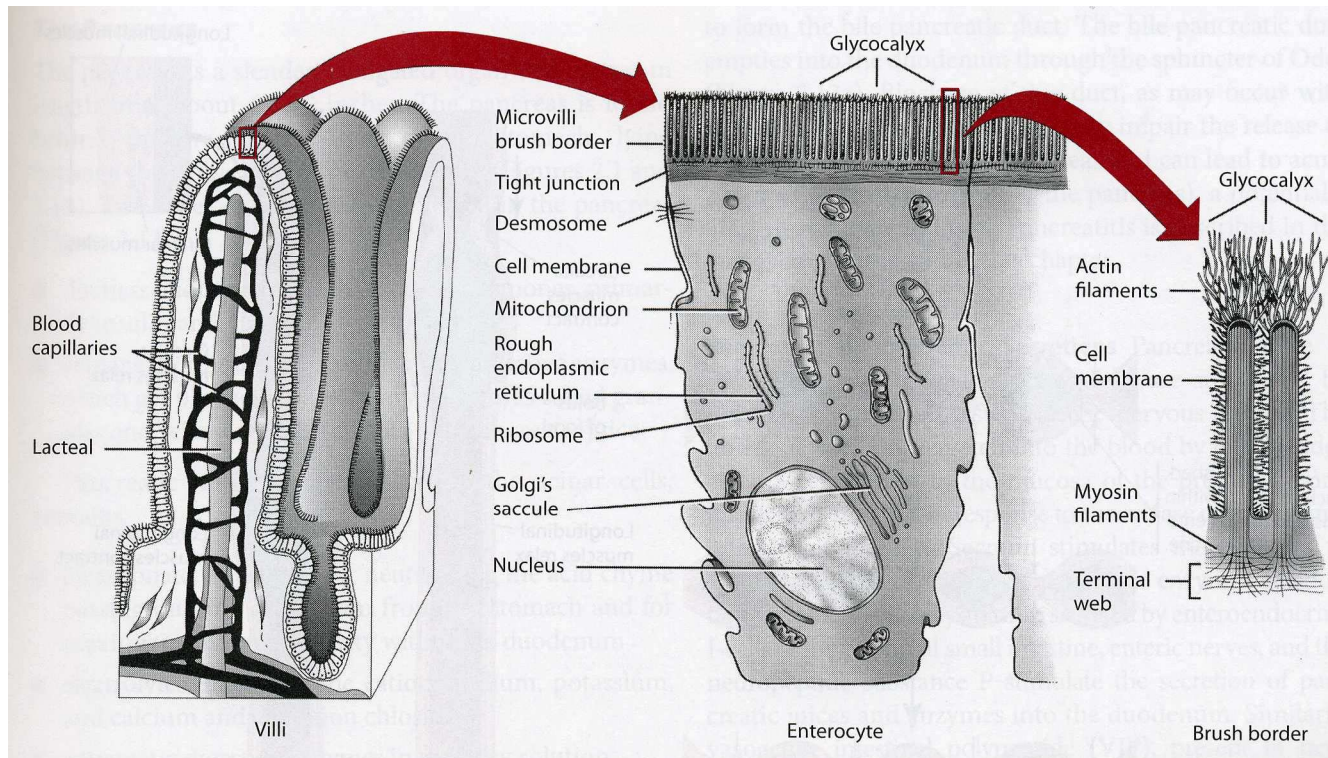
Nutrient	Starter	Grower	Breeder I	Breeder II	Male Diet
ME, min	2860	2775	2860	2820	2700
ME, max	2900	2900	2870	2870	2750
Protein (%)	19.5	15.5	16.0	15.5	12
Lys (%)	1.00	0.70	0.78	0.76	0.6
TSAA (%)	0.82	0.58	0.64	0.54	0.48
Sodium (%)	0.20	0.20	0.16	0.18	0.2
Calcium (%)	0.97	0.95	2.90	3.20	1
Av. P (%)	0.45	0.43	0.45	0.40	0.4

MAINTAINING A GOOD INTESTINAL HEALTH



Bird Intestinal Morphology

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- Hind intestine comprises four cell layers
- Is the site for water and electrolyte re-absorption
- High concentration of mucus producing goblet cells
- Beneficial bacteria will break carbohydrates and low digestible proteins and generate Volatile Fatty Acids.
- Diet raw materials can influence carbohydrate structure of mucosa with negative effect on the intestinal flora and on the intestinal health (Kelly et al., 1992).

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INTESTINAL MUCOSA DEVELOPMENT

Depends on two associated events

- 1 - Cell renewal: proliferation and differentiation → in the crypts and along the villi
- 2 - Cell loss: extrusion → at the villi upper end

Bird Intestinal Morphology

- The equilibrium of the two processes allows a constant turnover in the villi to keep it's capacity to digest and absorb nutrientes
- Excessive fasting will generate cell death (yamaguchi et al., 1996)
- Among all organism tissues, intestinal mucosa is the one with the highest turnover rates

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Effect of environmental temperature (35°C)
on the intestinal mucosa

Paramether	Temperature		Change %
Villi	22	35	
Height (mm)	938	762	-19
Weight - Humid (g/cm)	0,230	0,170	-26
Weight - Dry (g/cm)	0,058	0,040	-17

Mitchel & Carlisle, 1992

Bird
Intestinal Morphology



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Maintenance of intestinal epithelia and related structures demands 20% of the net energy ingested by the bird (McBride & Kelly, 1990).

From 80% to 90% of energy used by the digestive tract is consumed by the mucosa (Bird et al., 1994).

Bird
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Controlling Factors that Lead to Poor Intestinal Health

Most of those factors are related to:

- Poor husbandry,
- Improper nutrition, poor quality feed
- Stress
- Diseases

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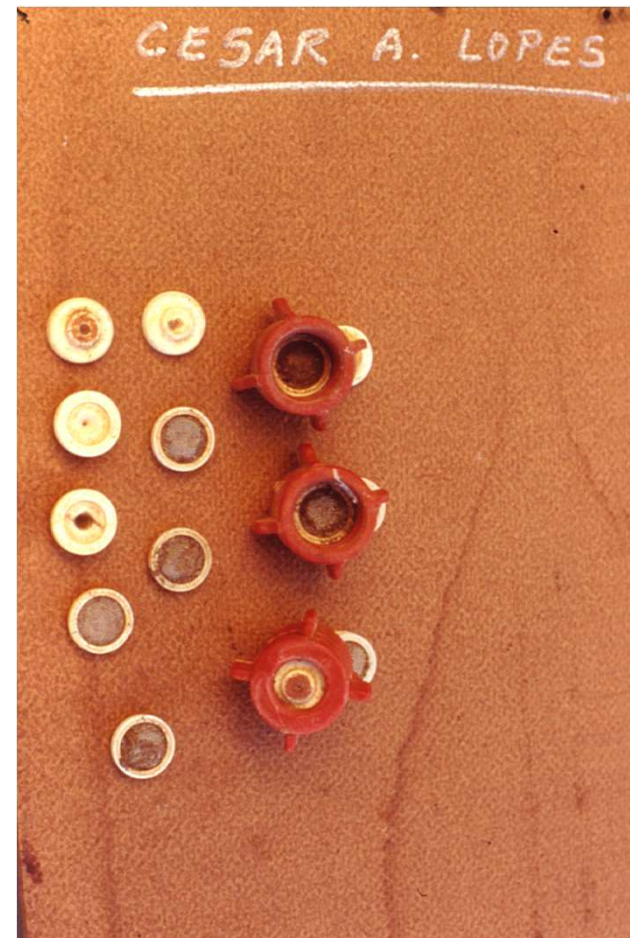
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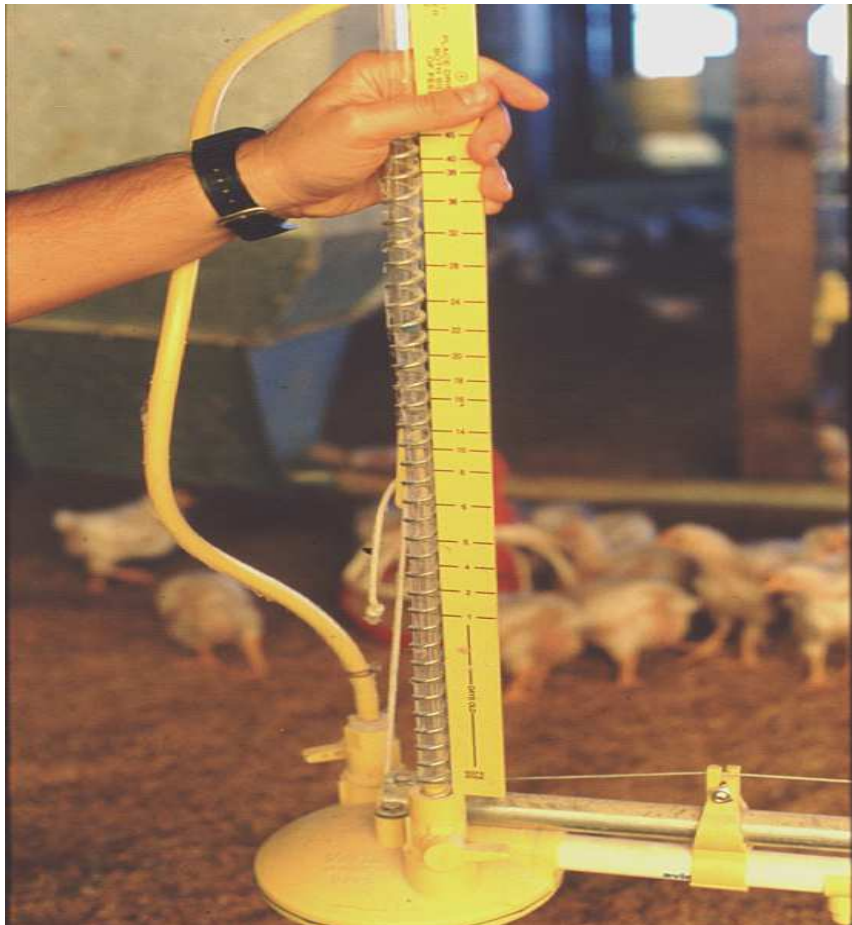


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**Poor quality litter – high
microbial concentration**



- Litter and Drinkers

Keeping a good litter: Brazil, Panama



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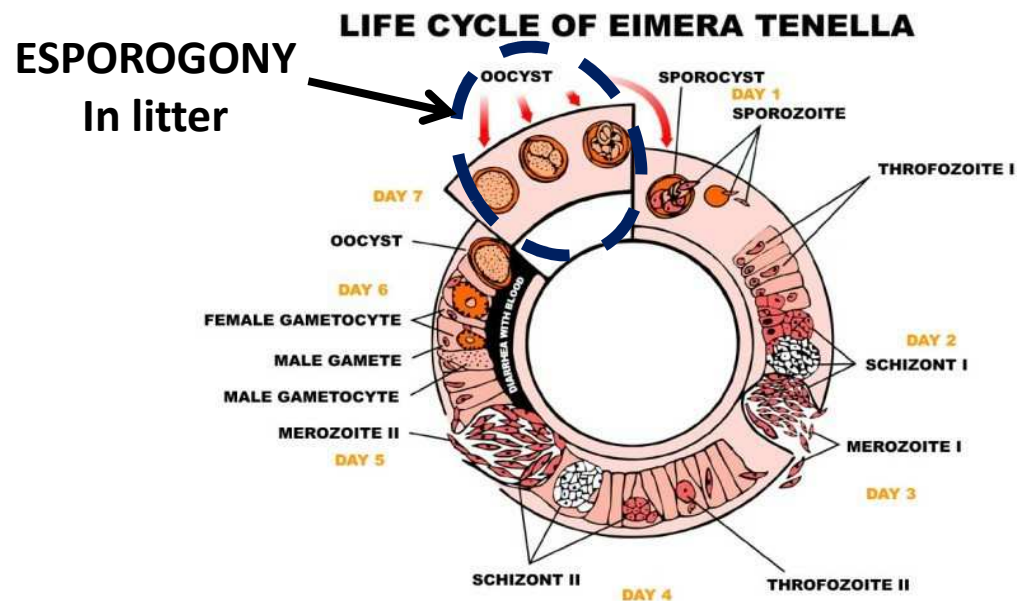


- Litter and Drinkers

Coccidia life cycle in the Bird and in the environment

Esquizogony and gametogony → Anticoccidials do the job

Esporogony: in the litter → WE must do the job



A recycled litter does not mean high challenge

Oocysts / g litter

- Litter and Drinkers

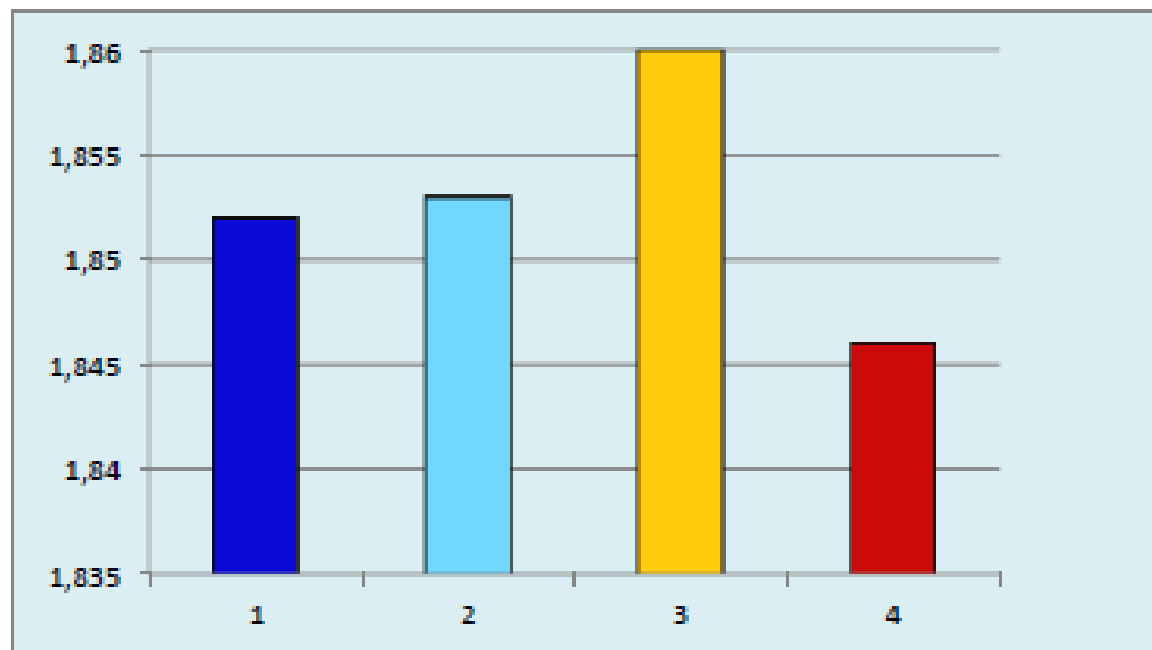
Age of birds	High challenge	Low challenge
2 weeks	0	0
4 weeks	2300	300
7 weeks	6500	1000
7 day withdrawal	80	60
14 day withdrawal	90	60

Reyna et. al. Avian Diseases Vol. 27 nb. 2, 1982

Productivity & interactions with environment. Initial contamination (*E. acervulina*) Productivity at 44 days of age

Feed conversion

- Litter and Drinkers



A. M. Henken, 1994

1 - Equilibrium – 1.852

2- High challenge – 1.853

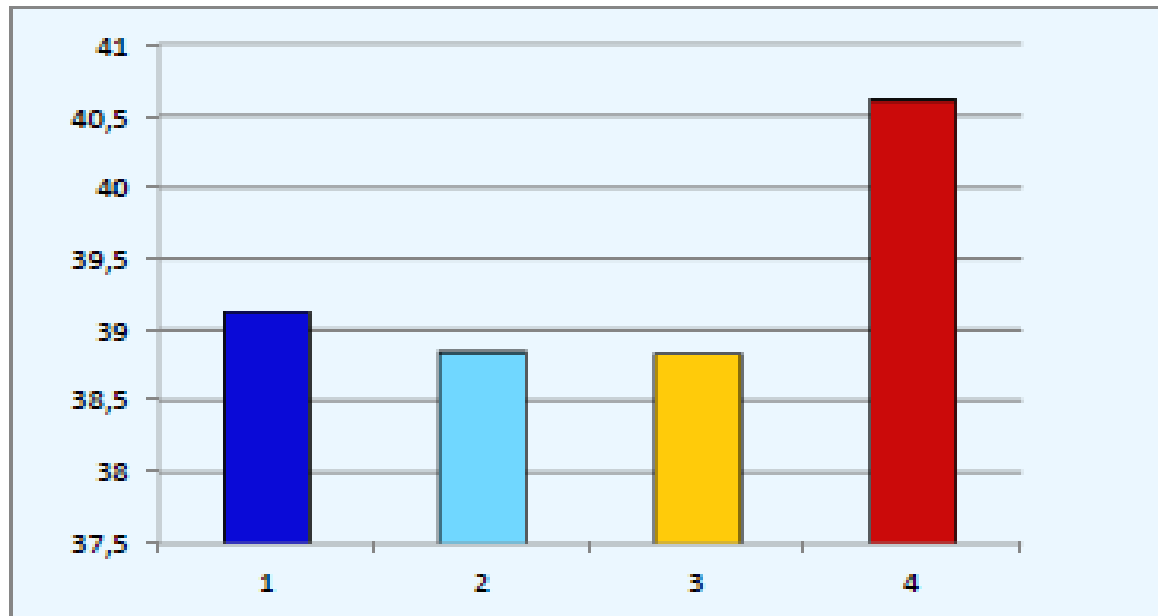
3- Low challenge - 1.860

4- No challenge – 1.846

Productivity & interactions with environment. Initial contamination (*E. acervulina*) Productivity at 44 days of age

- Litter and Drinkers

Daily weight gain- g.



A. M. Henken, 1994

1 - Equilibrium – 39.13 g.

3- Low challenge – 38.83 g.

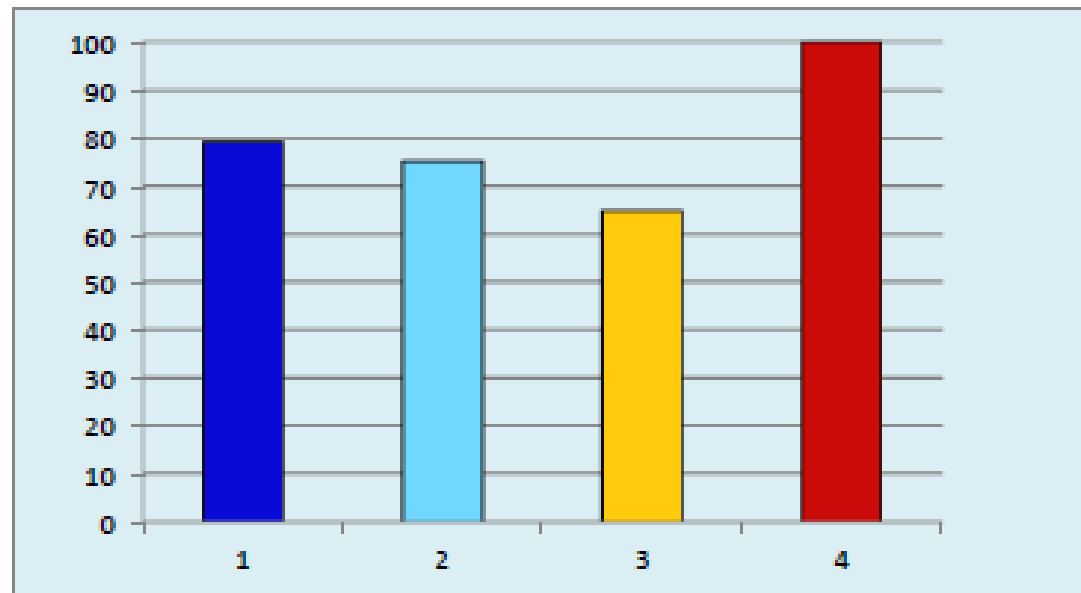
2- High challenge – 38.84 g.

4- No challenge – 40.61 g.

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Profitability \$\$\$



A. M. Henken, 1994

1 - Equilibrium – 79.2%

2- High challenge – 75.2%

3- Low challenge – 64.9%

4- No challenge – 100%

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Some usual feed additives can enhance bird response to intestinal challenge

Selenium and / or vitamin E bennefits on the mortality of birds challenged with *E. tenella* (4 studies)

Jensen, Johnson & Ruff, 1978
P.Science57: 1147

Se (ppm)	Vit. E (IU/Kg)	Study # - Mortality %			
		#1	#2	#3	#4
0	0	26	28	68	54
0,25	0	-	5	16	21
0,50	0	12	-	-	-
0	50	-	-	29	-
0,25	50	-	-	22	-

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Some usual feed ingredients can worsen intestinal response to challenge

Response of birds fed corn or wheat based diets to *E. tenella* challenge

Ionophore	0 ppm	25 ppm	50 ppm	100 ppm	Mortality
Corn	13	0	5	0	4.5%
Wheat	43	20	25	5	23.2%

Willians, R.B. 1992 – Vet. Res. Com. 16: 147-152

- Nutrition & feeding

Poor quality ingredients such as corn contaminated with mold will decrease performance and drop immunity

**Feed as a source of
mycotoxins**



**Aflatoxicosis
(Bursa lesion)**

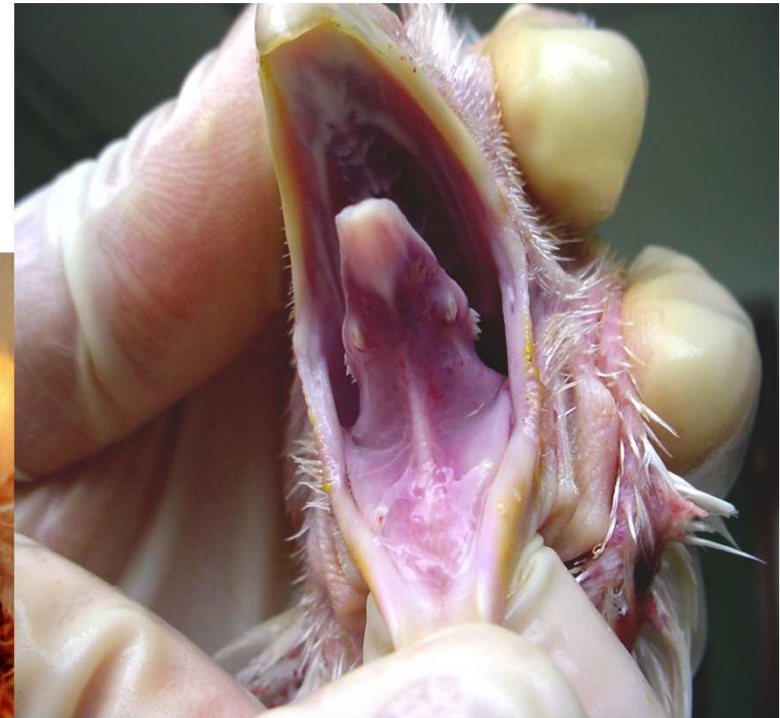


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Mycotoxycosis



Muscle lesions



Oral lesions



Tymus lesions

Hart lesions



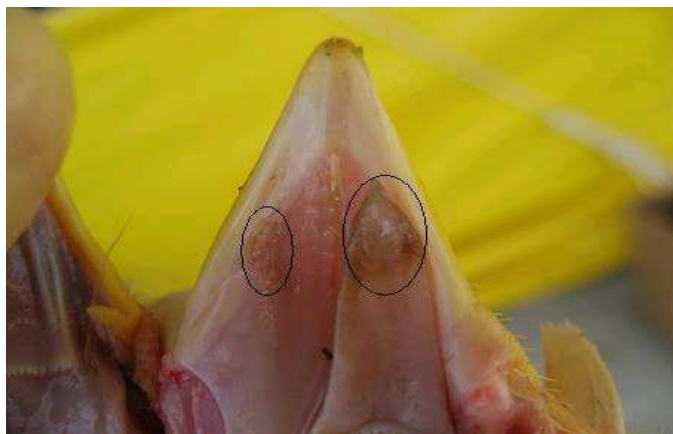
Myctoxicosis

- Nutrition & feeding

Muscle lesions



Mouth lesions



Fatty liver



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Mycotoxycosis

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No lesion (ideal)



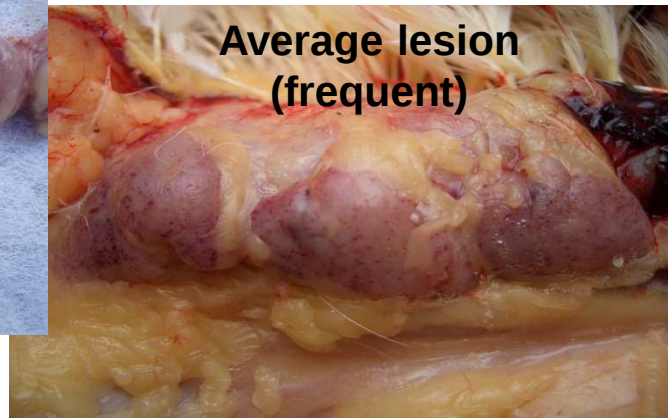
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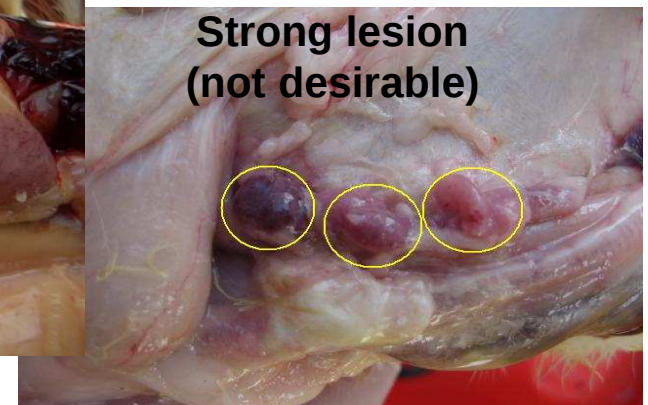
Mild lesion (ideal)



**Average lesion
(frequent)**



**Strong lesion
(not desirable)**



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Particle Size

Birds will be driven to eat more litter and less feed

Particle size (μ)	Feed consump. (g)
440	150 ^{ab}
640	158 ^a
780	150 ^{ab}
870	146 ^{ab}
970	141 ^b

Krabbe (2000)

Feed of 7 day-old chicks



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Particle Size



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Feeder load

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Feeder height

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Excess of litter in the guizzard means less feed consumption and poor intestinal health.



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- **Stress / temperature**
- Diseases

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Heat Effect on Intestinal Bacteria

Duodenal flora of 4 week broilers
under 25 & 35°C

	25°C	35°C
Streptococcus	3.3	6.09
Staphylococcus	2.73	6.21
Total Aerobics	4.01	6.72
Lactobacillus	7.25	6.96
Clostridium	2.82	5.1
Total Anaerobics	7.21	7.02



Bacteria count /g – log Suzuki et al,1983

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- Non specific enteritis / disbacteriosis
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Two conditions are necessary for the development of **Necrotic Enteritis**:

- 1 - Presence of Intestinal lesions such as the ones caused by mild coccidiosis.
- 2 - Presence of *C. perfringens* population.
- All birds are subjected to these two conditions in any production system.
- Cereals like wheat, oats and barley will favour the disease to develop.

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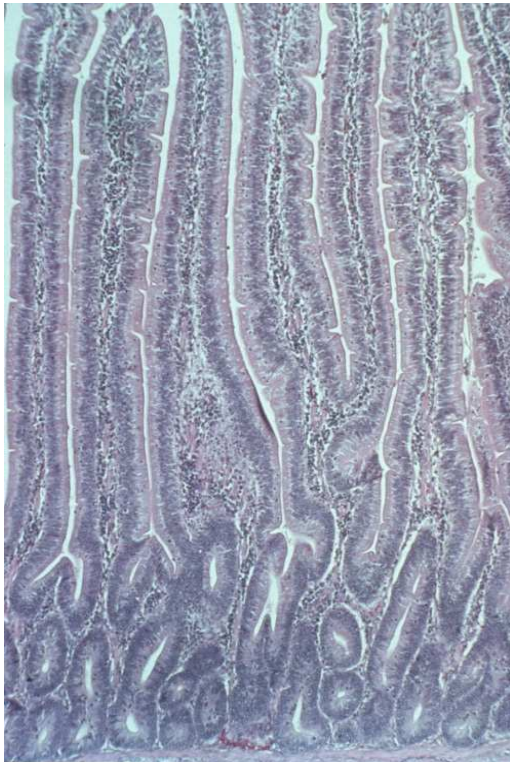
Effects of Necrotic Enteritis:

- Damage is caused by tissue necrosis and by the production of Alpha Toxin that besides destructing gut cells will enter the blood stream and affect the liver function.
- Even when presented as a subclinical infection, damage on performance is significant.
- Control of NE requires good hygiene, good quality litter, good anticoccidial programs (*specially against E. maxima*) and use of approved Antibiotic Growth Enhancers (AGPs) to prevention or treatment.

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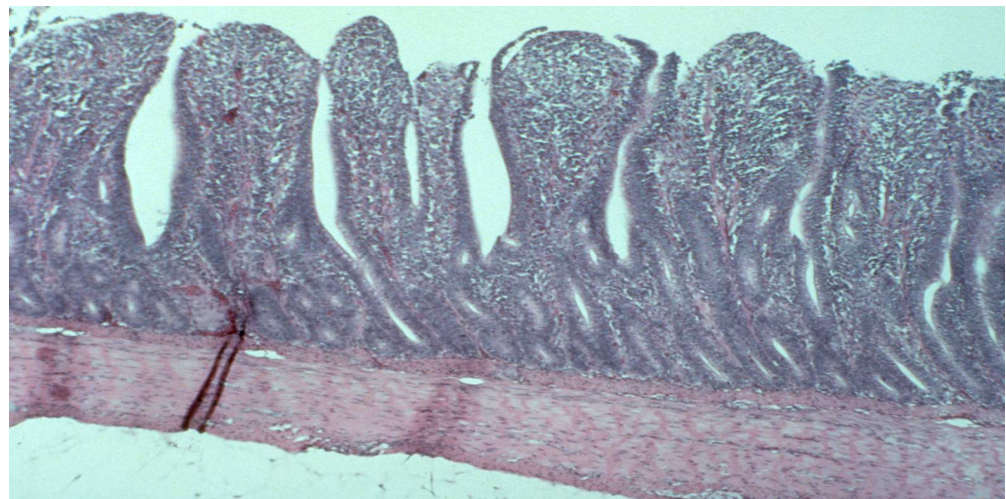
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Lesions of Necrotic Enteritis



Normal villi - fully functional

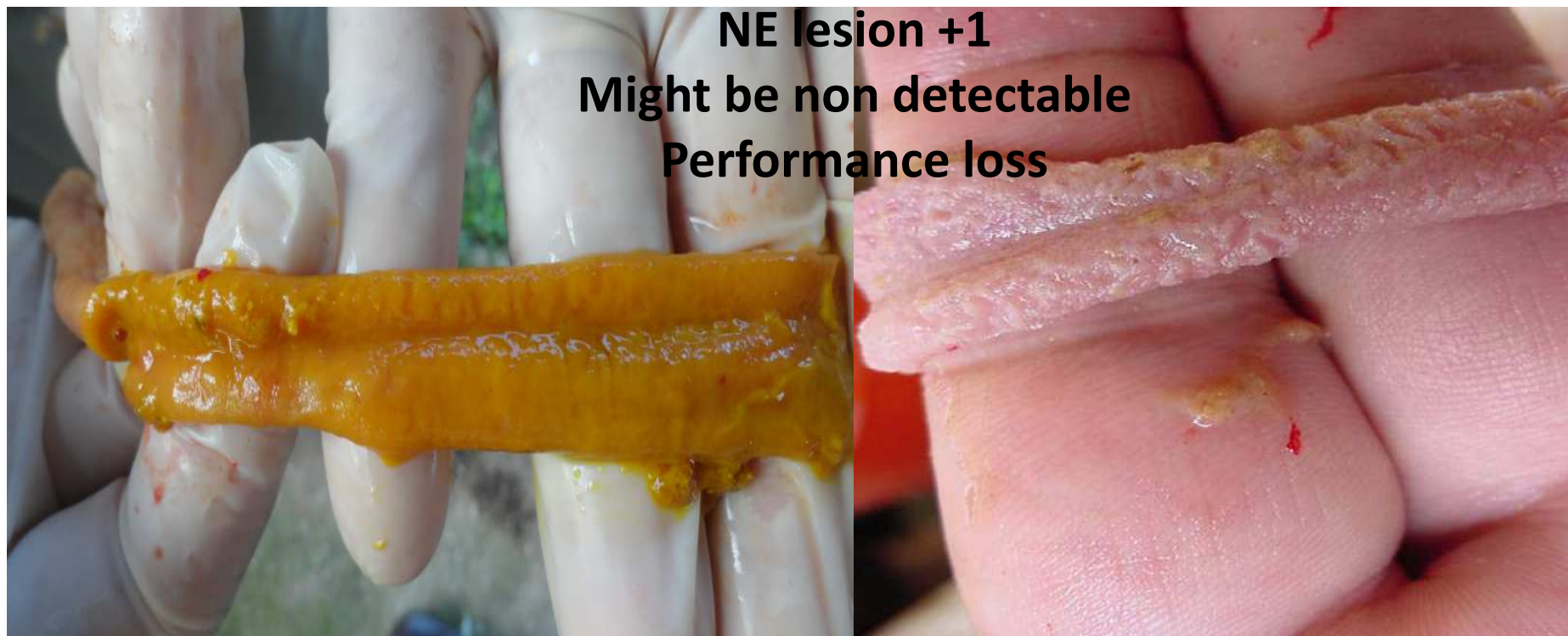
EN damaged villi – less absorption area



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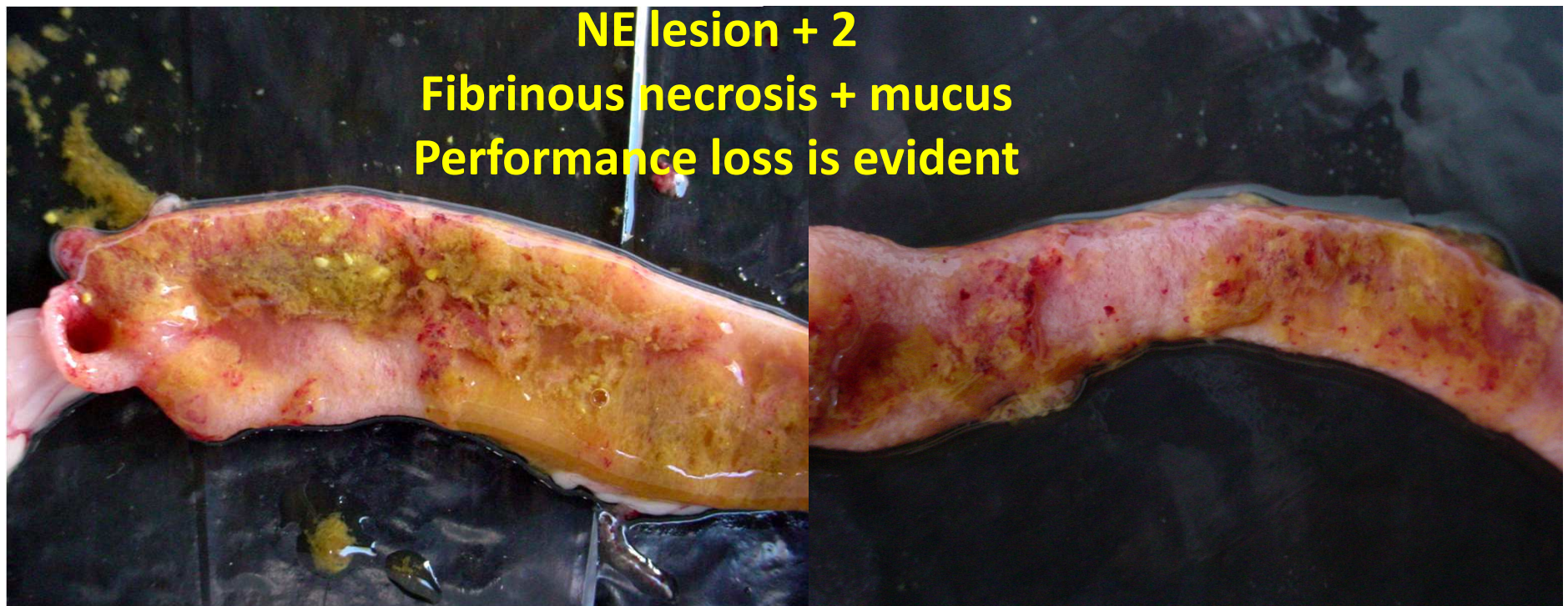
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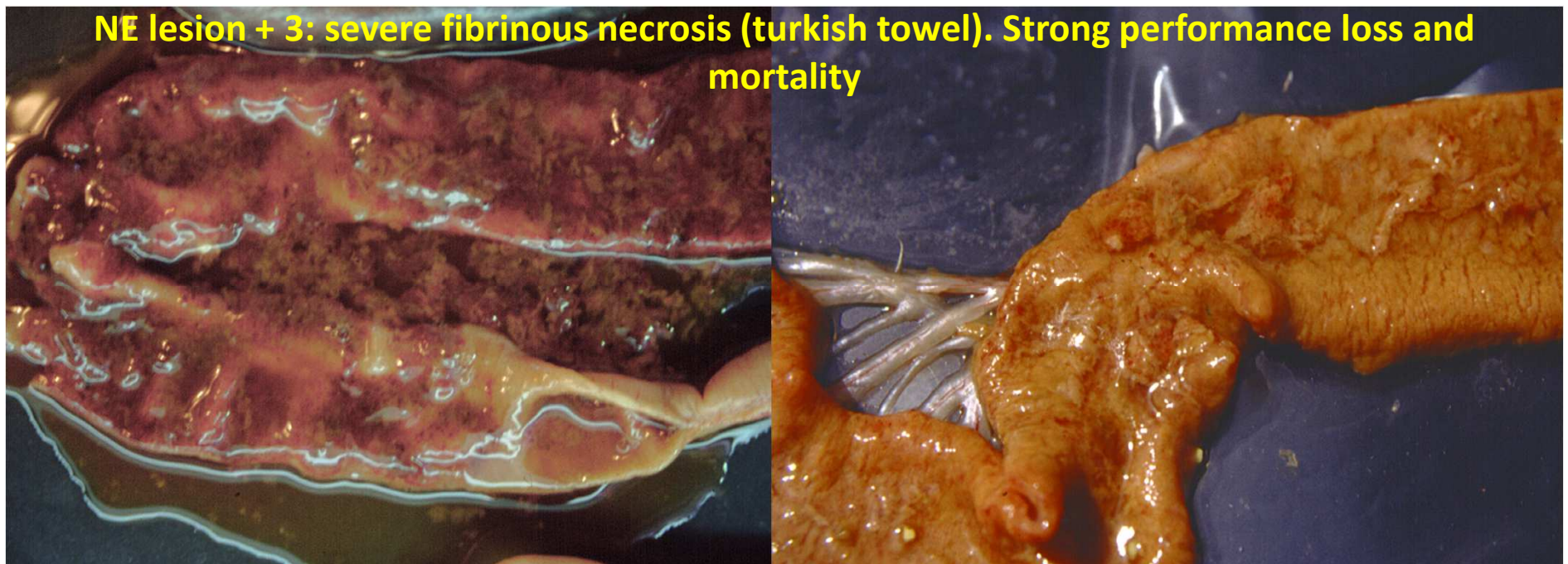
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Virginiamycin for preventing and controlling NE:

- Authorised throughout the world: India, USA, Brazil, Canada, Australia, Russia, Japan and many others.
- Works only in the intestines. Same 20 ppm dose works as AGP and to prevent & control enteritis.
- Non absorbible AGP: no residue in eggs, milk or meat.
- Has European MRL.
- Narrow spectrum. Does not affect the intestinal flora.
- Originated from a micro organism usually found in soil.

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MIC of Virginiamycin and other drugs against *C. Perfringens*

Lower figures mean higher efficacy

Poultry Science 63:2036-2042

Antimicrobial	MIC (ppm)
Bacitracin	3.10
Penicillin	0.20
Oxitetracyclin	0.05
Eritromycin	3.10
Tylosin	0.78
Flavomycin	>100
Lincomycin	1.60
Estreptomycin	>100
Virginiamycin	0.02

VIRGINIAMYCIN MANUFACTURING

Streptomyces virginiae
culture



First step
fermentation in
mini-jars



Multiplication /
Fermentation in large
stainless steel tanks



VIRGINIAMYCIN MANUFACTURING

Fermentation plant



Fermentation tank



**Final step: plant for
purification and
standartization of VM**

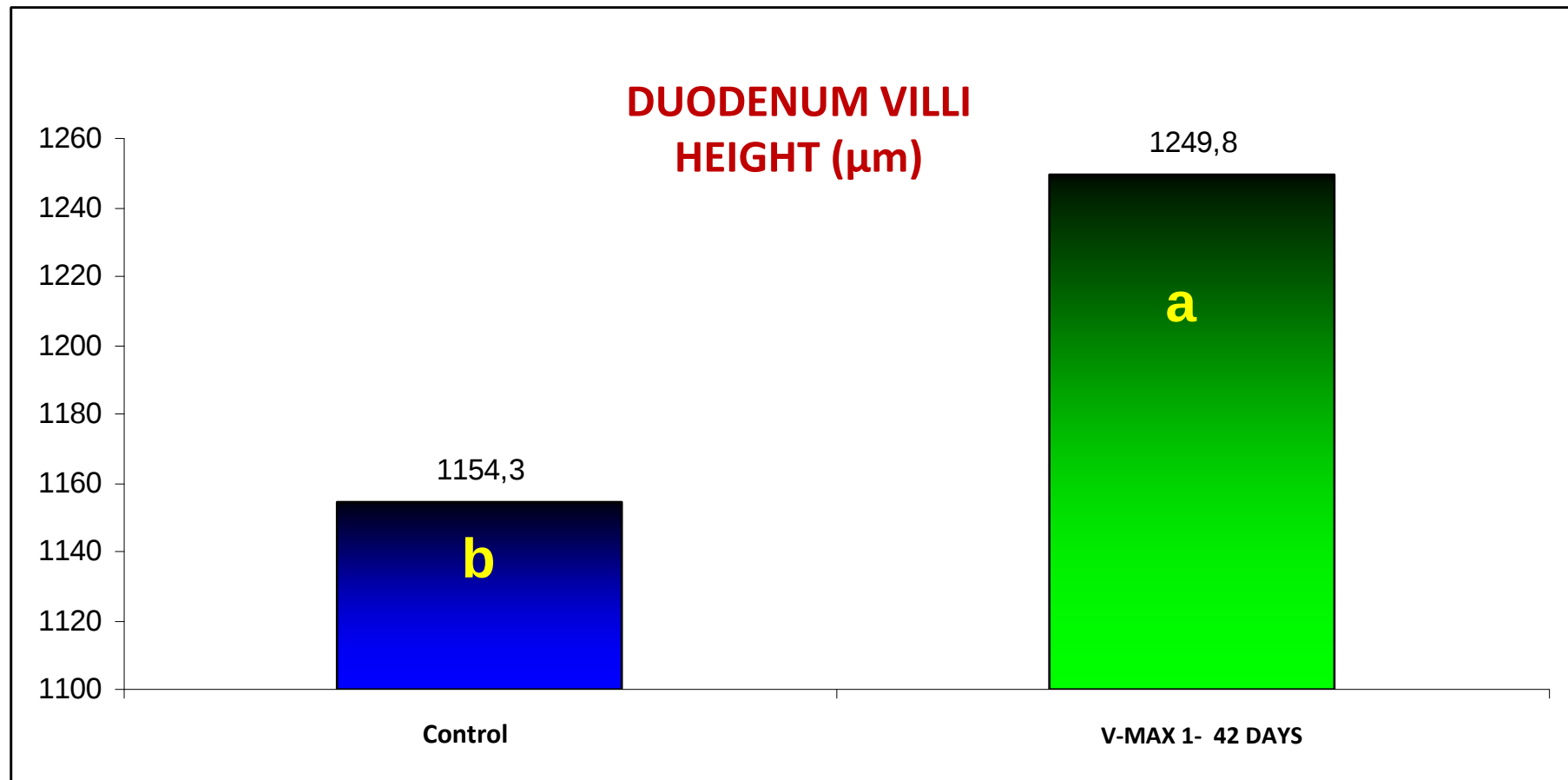
Residue depletion study of Virginiamycin in broilers



Residue depletion study in eggs

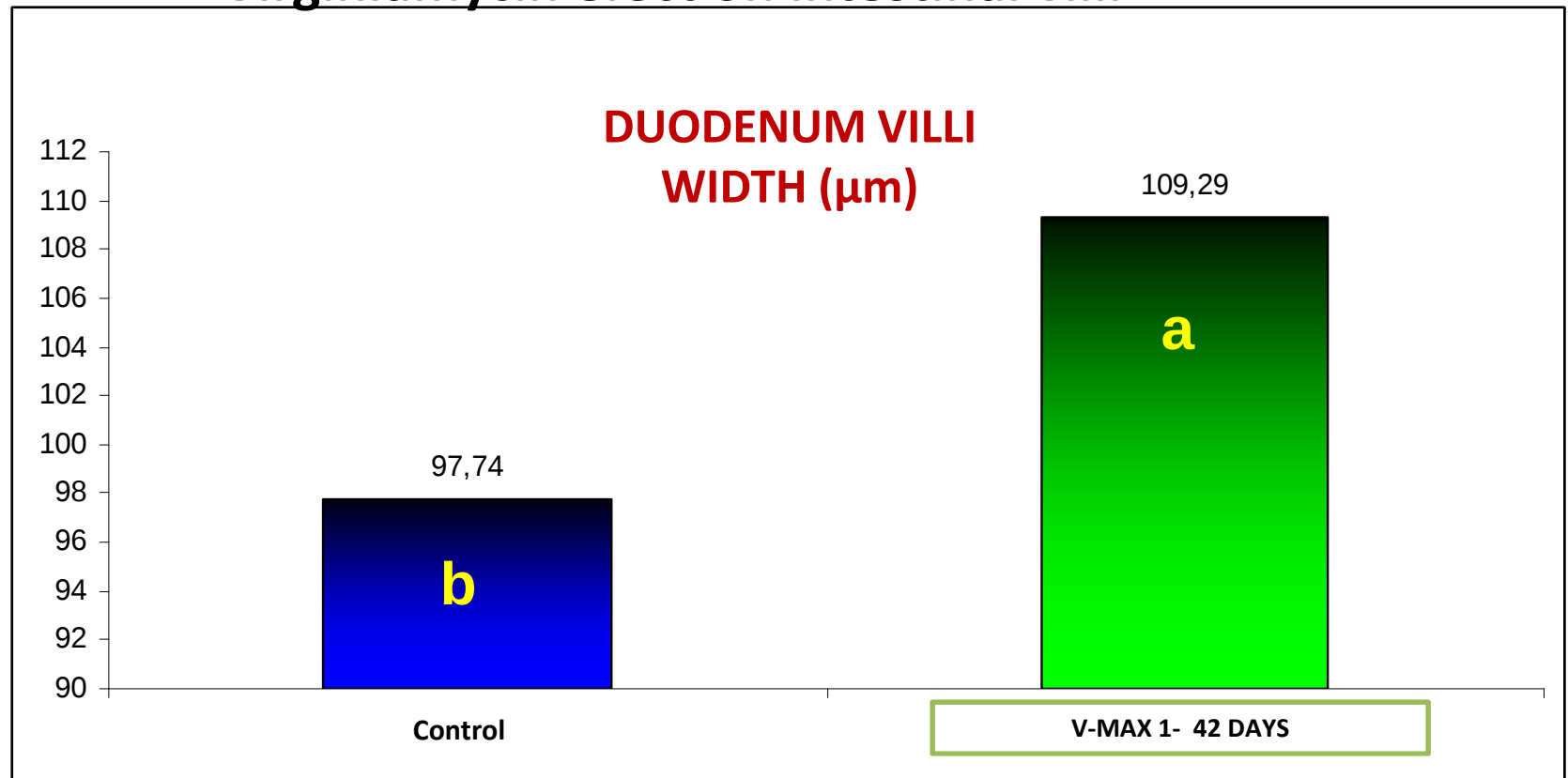


Virginiamycin effect on intestinal villi



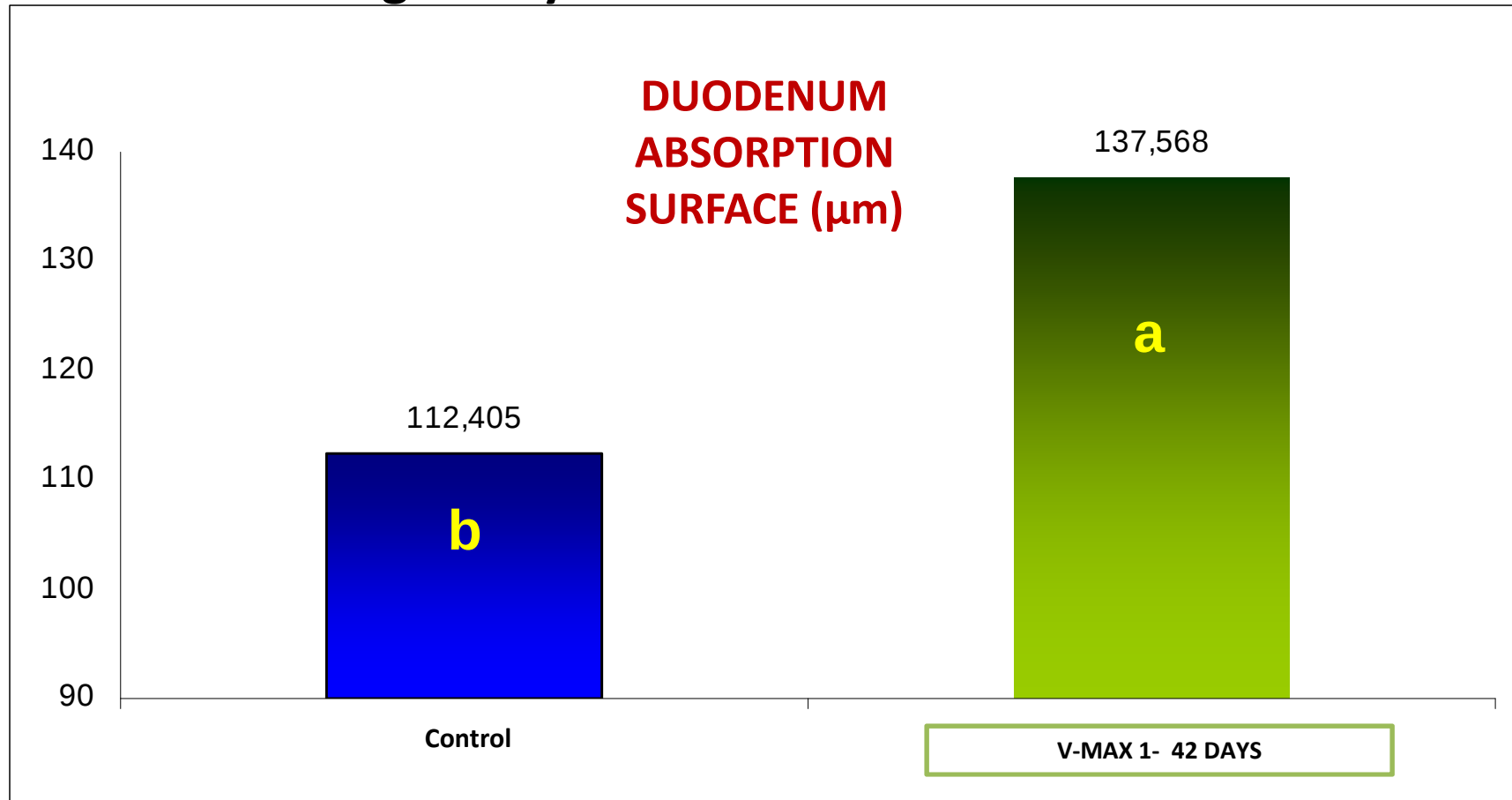
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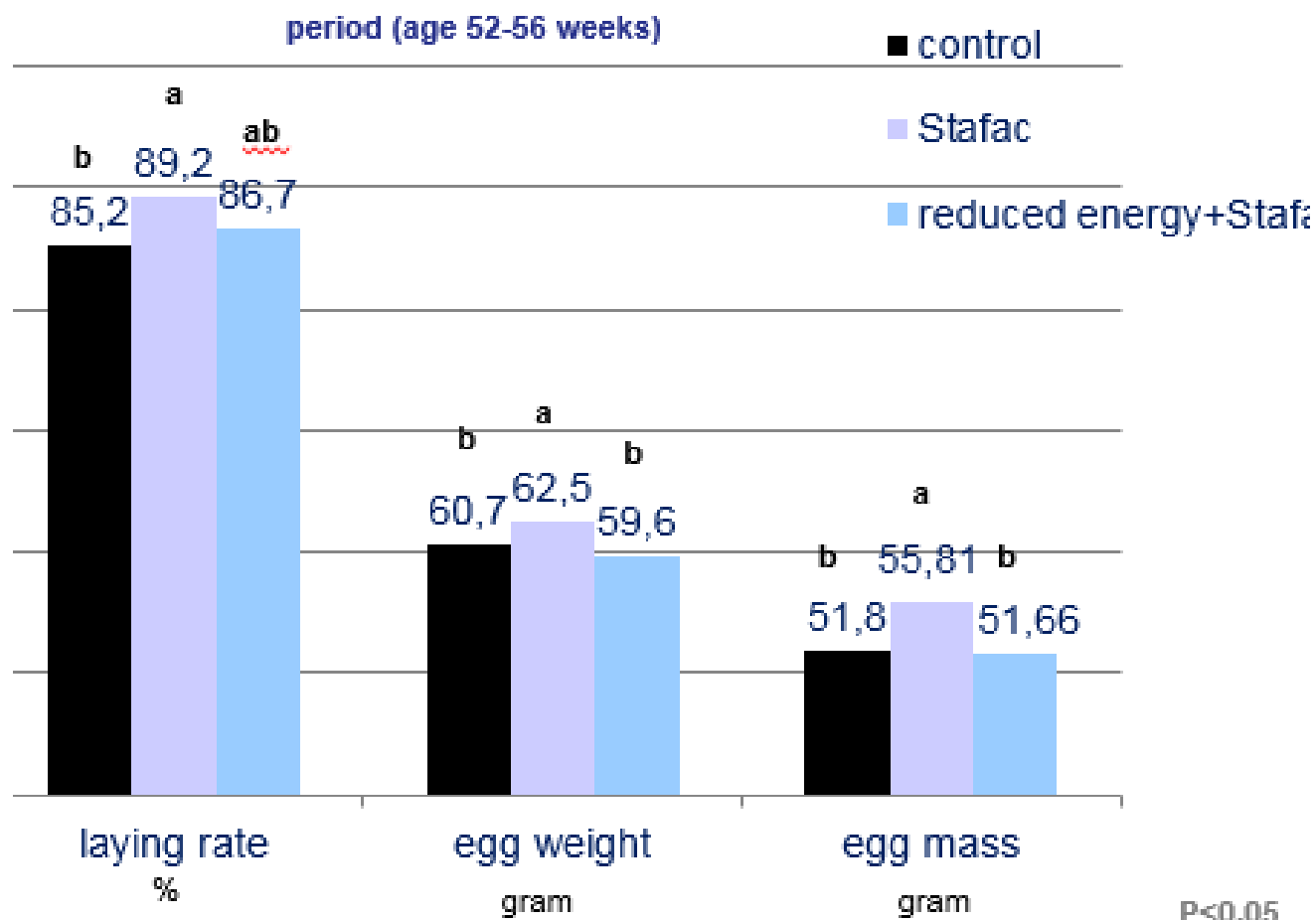
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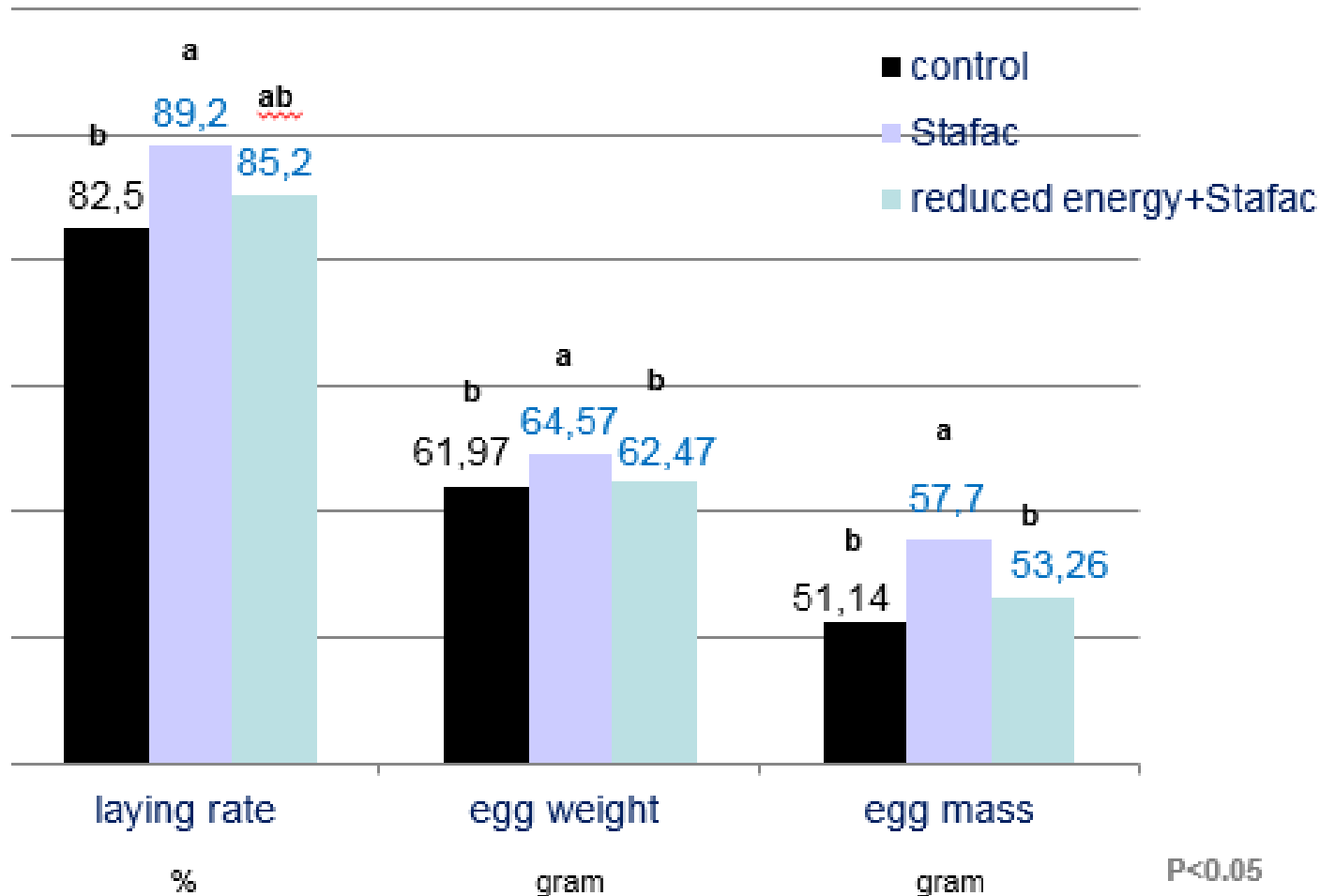
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Virginiamycin sparing NUTRIENT SPARING LAYERS

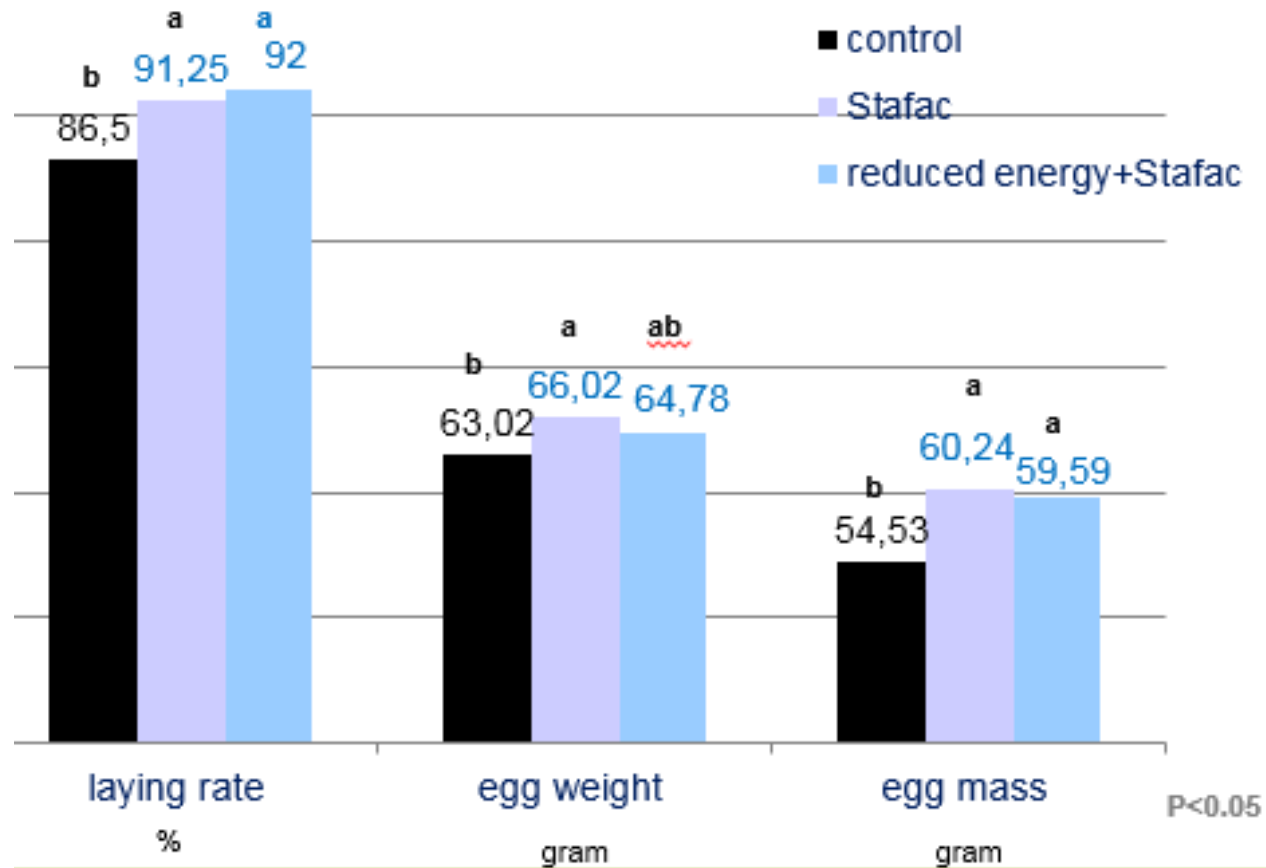


NUTRIENT SPARING LAYERS

Second Period (56 - 60 weeks)

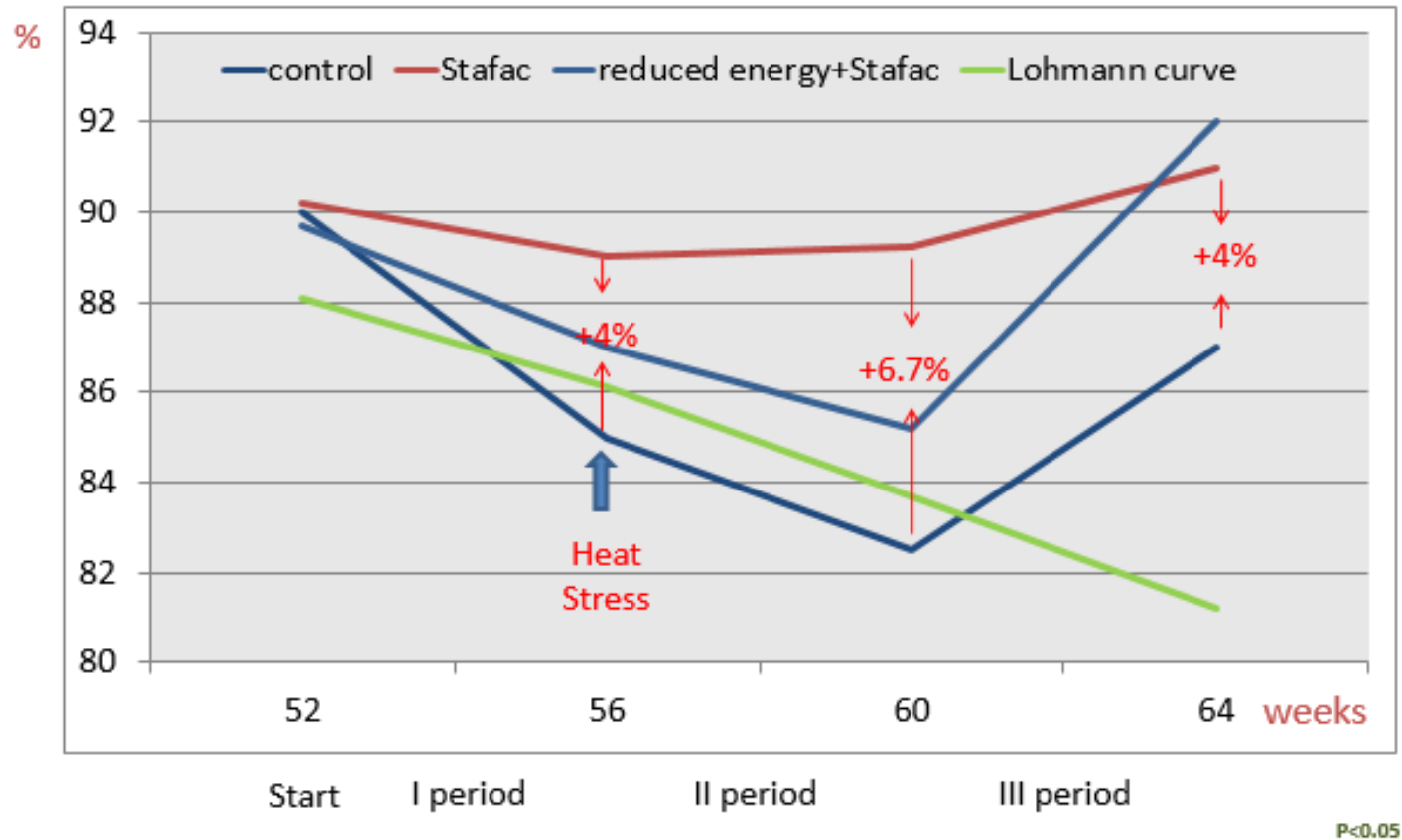


Virginiamycin sparing NUTRIENT SPARING LAYERS Third Period (60 - 64 weeks)



VIRGINIAMYCIN IN PREVENTING HEAT STRESS IN LAYERS

Laying rate



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Effects of Non Specific enteritis

- Some damage –not as NE- but no risk of mortality
- May be caused by a number of agentes: rancid fat, mycotoxins, feed restriction.
- No specific organismo is involved.
- Most common in fast growing broilers
- Although not a serious threat, is a concern in many companies

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Some lesions of Non Specific enteritis



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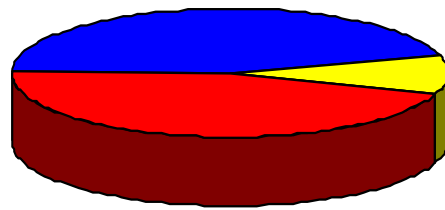
Main Eimeria species characteristics

	Oocyst Production	Imunity	Mortality / loss \$
<i>E. acervulina</i>	+	+	(-) / +
<i>E. maxima</i>	+	+	+/+
<i>E. tenella</i>	+	+	+/+/+/+/+/+
<i>E. necatrix</i>	+	+	+/+/+/+/+/+/+/+/+/+/+/+

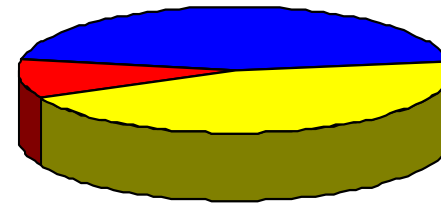
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Theoretical Field Performance of Chemical and ionophore Anticoccidials

Chemicals



Ionophores



Imunity



Resistance

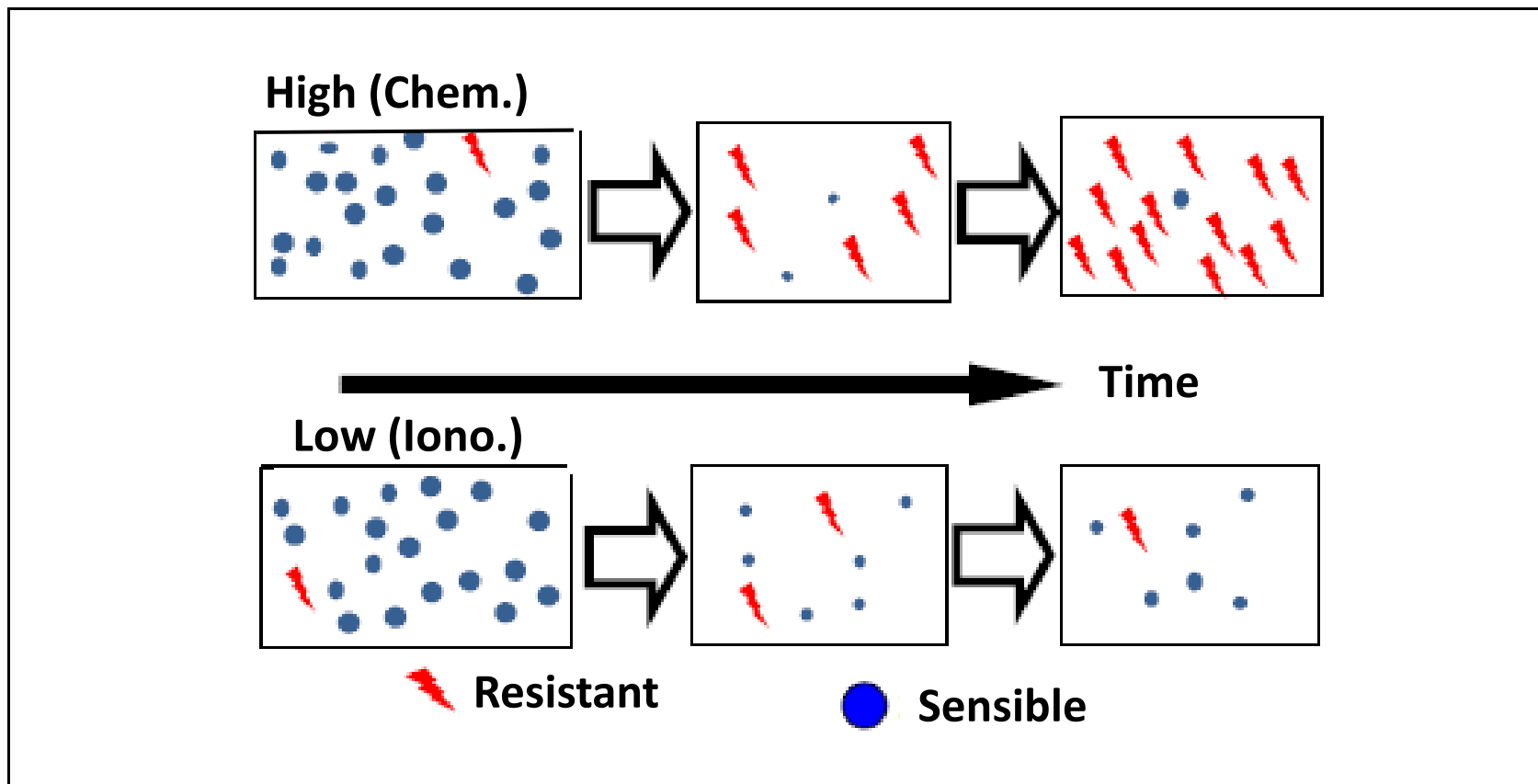


Efficacy

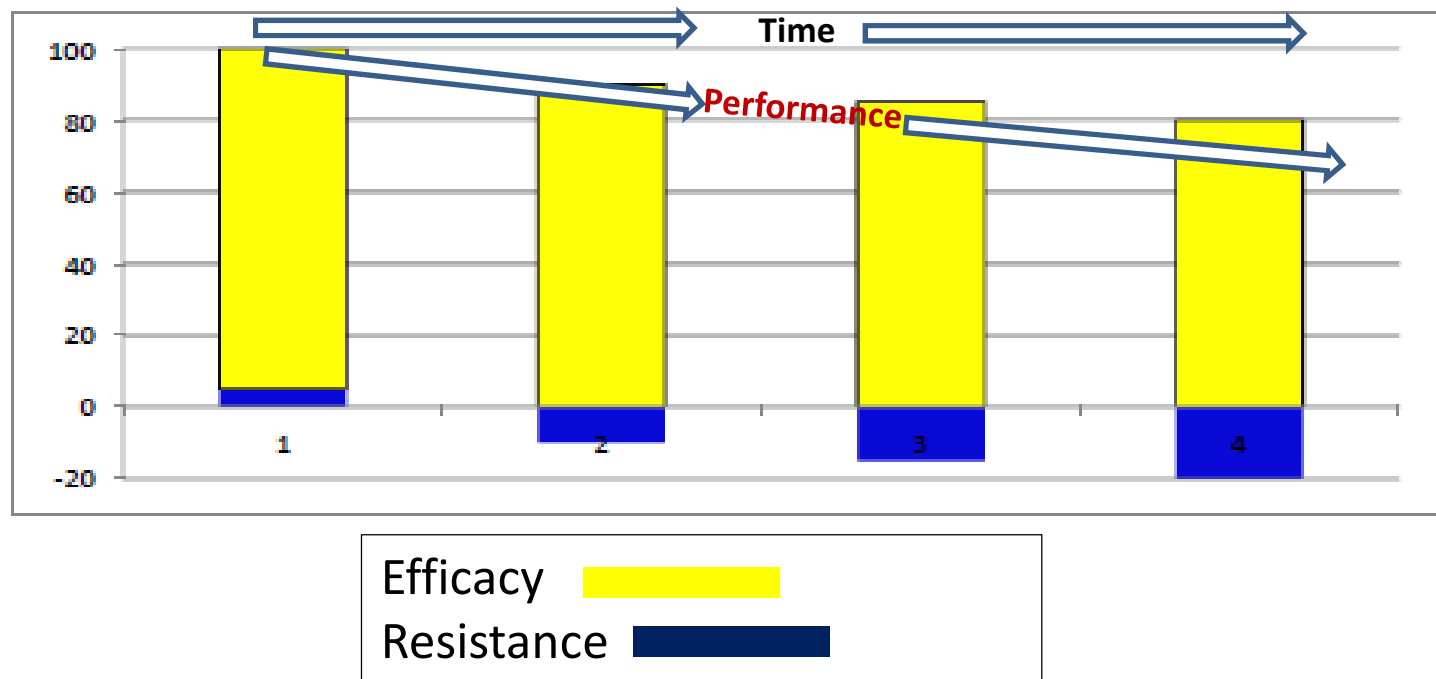
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Pressure Selection of Anticoccidials

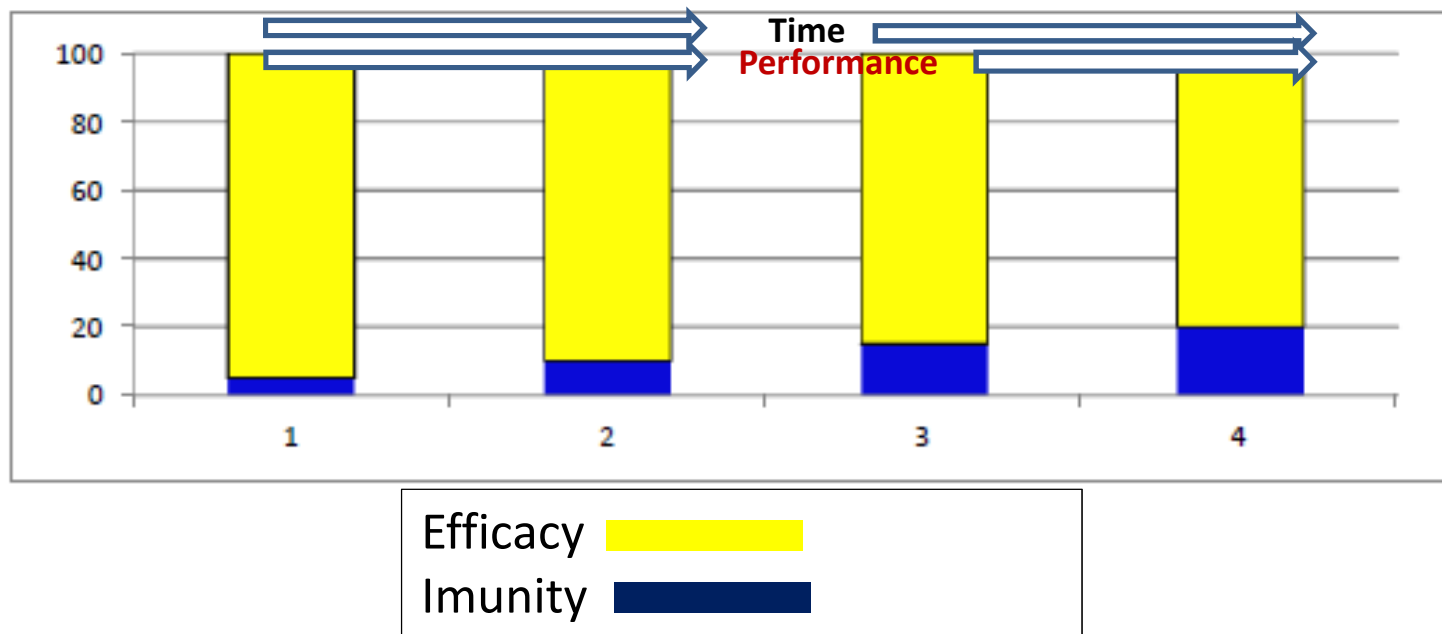


MAINTAINING A GOOD INTESTINAL HEALTH “VERTICAL” ANTICOCCIDIAL: Highly potent



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MAINTAINING A GOOD INTESTINAL HEALTH “HORIZONTAL” ANTICOCCIDIAL: AVERAGE POTENCY



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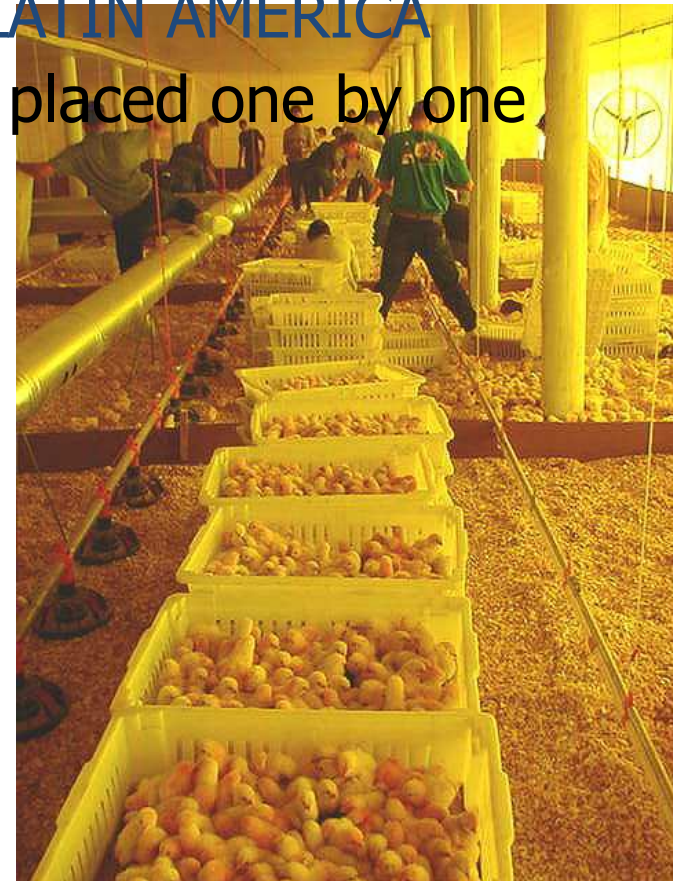


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SOME FIELD PRACTICES IN LATIN AMERICA

Baby chicks quickly delivered and placed one by one



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SOME FIELD PRACTICES IN LATIN AMERICA

- Baby chicks are taught to drink and eat just after arrival

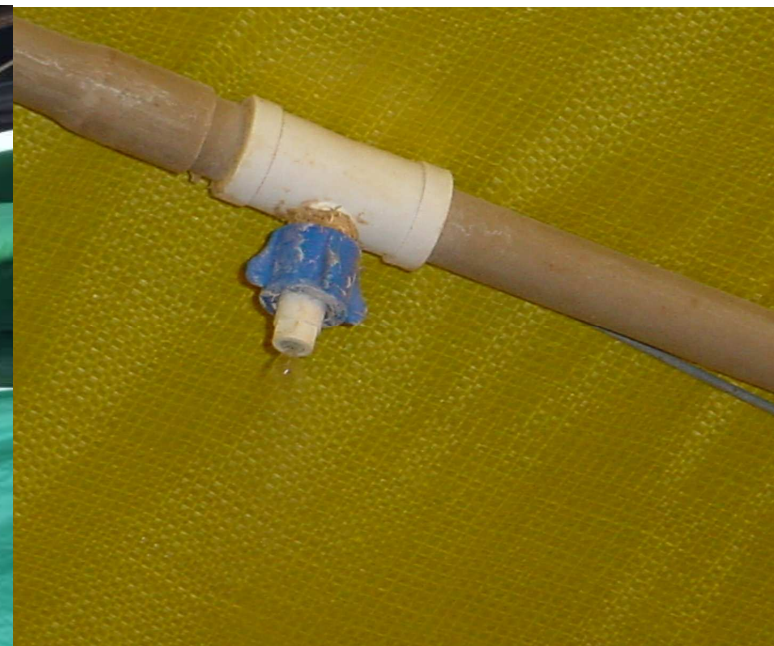


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SOME FIELD PRACTICES IN LATIN AMERICA

Use of false ceiling and cheap ventilation systems are encouraged



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SOME FIELD PRACTICES IN LATIN AMERICA

Trees are planted by farmers and used for heating the houses along with gas



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SOME FIELD PRACTICES IN LATIN AMERICA

Wooden heaters don't send fumes inside the house



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SOME FIELD PRACTICES IN LATIN AMERICA

Birds are harvested preferably at night



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SOME FIELD PRACTICES IN LATIN AMERICA

Birds are placed in boxes one by one – no bruises



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SOME FIELD PRACTICES IN LATIN AMERICA

Boxes run over plastic and metal tubes to the trucks.



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SOME FIELD PRACTICES IN LATIN AMERICA

Each three boxes + birds weight typically 60 kg.

Farmer works along with his employees



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SOME FIELD PRACTICES IN LATIN AMERICA

Trucks size is standard and not too big

Feed mill, hatchery and slaughtering are usually less than 80 km from farms



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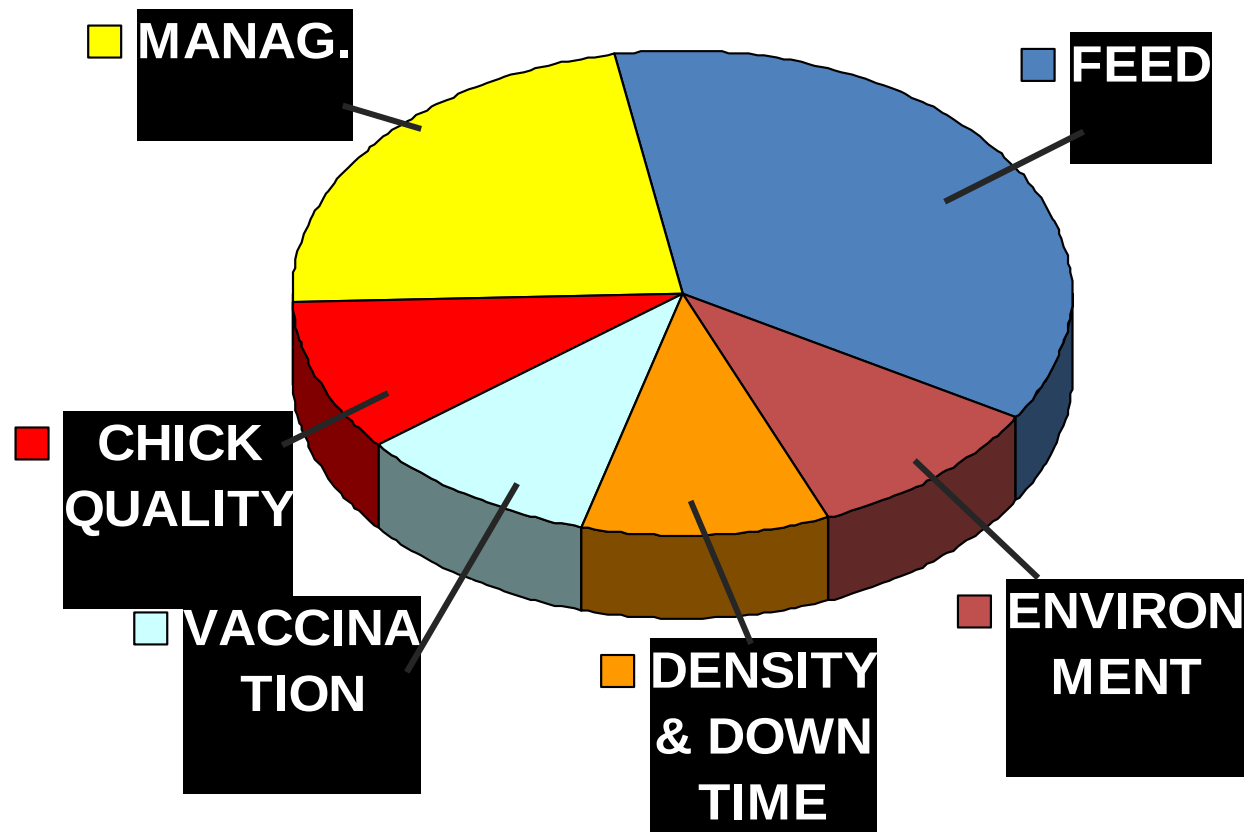
SOME FIELD PRACTICES IN LATIN AMERICA

Field monitoring and practical training to company teams is a routine



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Significant aspects on broiler performance



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CONCLUSION

- Modern automated equipments and tunnel ventilation houses are good but...
- The Three Main Aspects for successful results are **careful husbandry, quality food, environment control**. They are applicable to any environment.
- But don't forget the remaining three aspects: vaccination, density & downtime and chick quality.
- Non sophisticated operations are quite successful when these rules are followed.
- Train your team constantly, be creative and COUNT ON US.

Thank you!
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