



Effects of Mango Wastes-Based Diets on the Growing Parameters of Laying Hens and Biometric Parameters of the Eggs

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Abstract

Introduction: Poultry production has increased during the past half century throughout the world. In Burkina Faso modern poultry farming is becoming a necessity in view of the growing demand for eggs. Intensive poultry farming is developing rapidly, given that the productivity of local poultry remains very low. Because of the low availability and high cost of food. Therefore, it becomes imperative to develop strategies to make modern poultry farming more productive, by finding alternative solutions for feeds. **Objective:** The study aims to evaluate the effects of diets incorporating mango waste-based feed on the growth parameters of laying hens and biometric parameters of first eggs. **Methods:** Two hundred and ten (10) hens of the Isa Brown breed were divided into 3 batches (70 chicks per set) and feed with three diets namely mango and maize diet (MMD = lot1), control maize diet (CMD = lot2) and absolute control diet (ACD = lot3) in a feed experiment at INERA research station in Farako-bâ, Bobo Dioulasso. **Results:** The final average weight (FW) gained by the lot1 and lot3 using the diet CMD (1364 ± 114 g) and ACD (1364 ± 115 g), respectively was significantly higher than the lot 2 feed with the MMD diet (1265 ± 117 g) ($p < 0.05$). The average daily weight gain (ADG) of CMD and ACD was significantly ($p < 0.05$) higher than that of the MMD ration. The feed intake (FI) and consumption index (CI) of the MMD ration were significantly ($p < 0.05$) higher than those of CMD and ACD ($p > 0.05$). Average weight and egg density were similar ($p > 0.05$) for the three diets. The eggs on the MMD diet were larger ($p < 0.05$) than those in the ration's

CMD and ACD, but the two later were similar ($p > 0.05$). **Conclusion:** Maize can be substituted with mango feed in growing layer diets. Mango waste-based feed is predisposed for better preparation of growing layers for good laying performances. It is an alternative to increase the availability of feed for farm animals including the laying hen.

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1. Introduction

Poultry production has increased during the past half century throughout the world. It is estimated that during the 1990s the world's poultry population grew by 23% in developed countries and 76% in developing countries. Eggs consumption has probably become the most important source of quality animal protein available in the Burkinabe market [1]. In fact, egg is the cheapest source of proteins and animal lipids, consumed worldwide, because of its remarkable amino acid composition that almost perfectly responds to human beings needs [2], although it has long been considered as a reference proteins source, egg is a perfect food for people in developing countries [3]. It ensures 20% to 30% of the human's daily values in numerous vitamins and minerals [1]. Egg is the perfect indicated food for populations in developing countries. In Burkina Faso, modern poultry farming, which was once seen as a luxury production, is becoming a necessity in view of the growing demand for eggs by the population. The production of guinea fowl eggs once popular with the rural and urban population remains insufficient and seasonal. Intensive poultry farming is developing rapidly, given that the productivity of local poultry remains very low [4] [5]. Therefore, it becomes imperative to develop strategies to make modern poultry farming more productive in Burkina Faso, by finding alternative solutions for feeds, which is the major constraint of this sector [6] [7]. The main sources of energy which are maize, sorghum and millet, are under heavy pressure because of their uses for human consumption [8]. This situation led many poor breeders to avoid or even to use in a very low quantity these feeds essential to the growth and the quick fattening of the chickens. In order to find solutions to this constraint, research on unconventional feeds was conducted [8] [9]. It is in this dynamic that a process of the production of pig feeds based on mango waste has been developed by [9]. Based on this process, feeds were produced in 2015 and 2016 for utilization in various feeding tests on pigs, sheep and poultry. The aim of this study is to evaluate the effects of a diet based on mango wastes on the growth of laying hens as

well as on the biometric parameters of the first eggs laid.

2. Material and Methods

2.1. Study Area

The study was conducted at the Research Station of Farako-bâ, of the Institute of Environment and Agricultural Research (INERA). It is located at 15 km in the south of Bobo-Dioulasso, on the road of Bobo-Dioulasso-Banfora. Its geographical coordinates are at 04°20' longitude West and at latitude 11°06' North. The station of Farako-bâ is located in the south-Sudanian climate zone between the 1000 and 1200 mm of isohyets [10]. Two seasons alternate: a rainy season of 6 months (May to October) and a dry season of 6 months (November to April). The highest temperatures were recorded in April (31.04°C) and May (32.0°C) and the lowest averages in January (21.5°C) and December (23.5°C), according to meteorological data from Farako-bâ station in 2015.

2.2. The Hen's Habitat

It is a semi-opened building with natural ventilation built in blocks in a North-South orientation. It is capped with a roof, by a single slope facing the East, with an overflow of 1.50 cm constituting a lampshade. It is compartmentalized in 6 boxes with an area of 5.95 m² each, that is to say 3.5 m × 1.7 m. Rice balls were used for litter which was renewed every two weeks. An electric heating device made of 2 bulbs of 100 Watts each per box has been installed in the habitat to ensure the heating for chicks, especially during periods of low temperature. The habitat was disinfected with sodium hypochlorite (bleach), virunet® and quicklime before the subjects were introduced.

2.3. The Animals

The animal material was constituted of 210 growing layers of eleven (11) weeks old. They were taken from a group of 2000 growing layers reared at the Farako-Bâ Station. These growing layers are of the ISA-Brown red color origin. They were identified with a loop each attached to the left wing. They were then divided into 3 batches of average weight significantly homogeneous ($p > 0.05$) of 70 growing layer each. Each lot is divided into 2 sub-lots of 35 growing layers each to reduce competition between for feed. After their placement in the boxes, an anti-stress, an anti-infectives incorporating a vitamin antibiotic and an anti-coccidial as a preventive cover were administered in the drinking water

2.4. Feed Diets Tested

Three rations were used: an experimental ration containing mango waste called mango and maize ration (MMD), a maize control ration (CMD) formulated according to the recommendations and an absolute control ration (ACD) which is the one given to growing layers reared by the production unit of the Farako-ba station where the growing layers were taken, were served respectively to the

batches 1, 2 and 3. The centesimal compositions of MMD and CMD and their nutrient offer were calculated and recorded in **Table 1**. The percentage composition of ACD was not determined. It was simply taken from the feed prepared by the Station for the Basic breeding where the growing layers were taken. The three rations were analyzed at the Chemical Laboratory of Senegalese Institut of Agricultural Researches (ISRA) at Dakar to determine their chemical composition (**Table 2**). Two stages were observed during the feed distribution: a growth period of growing layers (11 - 18 weeks) and a spawning period (18 - 24 weeks). The rations were distributed on the basis of theoretical calculations due to the late availability of laboratory results.

2.5. Zootechnic and Production Parameters

The following data were collected during 15 weeks experimentation. During 8 weeks, weekly weighing of the chickens, as well as daily weighing of the food refusal before the distribution of morning food, made it possible to calculate the average daily gain (ADG), the feed intake (FI) and the index of consumption (CI), as done by [11]. A weekly weighing during 8 weeks of the growing layers for the growth parameters valuation was carried out:

Feed intake calculated from the following formula: $FI(g) = (QFD - FR)$; with QFD = quantity of food distributed per day and FR = Food refusal;

The average daily gain calculated from the life weights (LW) obtained from the weighing during the growth period by the formula:

$$ADG(g) = (LW_j - LW_i) / \text{number of days between dates } i \text{ and } j;$$

The consumption index is the ratio between the weight of the food consumed and the weight gained of the growing layers: $CI = FI(g) / ADG(g)$.

During the first month of the laying phase, the eggs were collected each morning

Table 1. Centesimal composition of rations tested.

Ingredients	Growth phase (11 - 18 weeks)			Spawning phase (18 - 24 weeks)		
	MMD	CMD	ACD	MMD	CMD	ACD
Provende of mango	55	-	-	56.3	-	-
Maize	18	69	-	18	70.2	-
Corn bran	-	9.75	-	-	9.75	-
Soybean meal	15.35	11.7	-	15.35	11.7	-
Oyster shells	1	1	-	1	1	-
Fish meal	5	3	-	5	3	-
Vegetal oil	3	2.9	-	1.7	2.9	-
Salt	0.3	0.3	-	0.3	0.3	-
Methionine	0.3	0.3	-	0.3	0.3	-
Lysine	0.3	0.3	-	0.3	0.3	-
CMV	1.75	1.75	-	1.75	1.75	-

MMD = Mango maize diet; CMD = Control maize diet; ACD = Absolute control diet.

Table 2. Nutritional and energy contribution of the rations.

Nutritional and energy contribution of rations (theoretical calculation result)						
Ingredients	Chick phase (11 - 18 weeks)			Spawning phase (18 - 24 weeks)		
	MMD	CMD	ACD	MMD	CMD	ACD
MS (%)	94.87	95.02	-	94.88	94.8	-
EM (Kcal/kg)	2724.239	2717.0475	-	2786.67	2786.15	-
Crude protein (%)	16.14	16.02	-	16.25	16.14	-
Lysine (%)	0.48	0.57	-	0.48	0.57	-
Methionine (%)	0.48	0.57	-	0.48	0.57	-
Fat (%)	2.41	1.69	-	1.99	1.29	-
Phosphorus (%)	0.39	0.39	-	0.4	0.39	-
Crude fiber (%)	13.75	9.18	-	14.02	9.3	-
Cost (FCFA/kg MS)	235.15	218.86	-	218.86	209.86	-
Nutritional and energy contribution of rations (Analyze result)						
MS (%)	91.41	89.49	89.34			89.34
EM (Kcal/Kg de MS)	2000	3618	3384			3384
Crude protein (%)	17.48	19.41	19.32			19.32
Lysine (%)	-	-	-			-
Methionine (%)	-	-	-			-
Calcium	1.16	0.74	1.68			1.68
Phosphorus	0.59	0.41	0.44			0.44
Crude fiber	25.52	7.44	5.67			5.67
MG	8.04	6.55	5.61			5.61
NDF	63.02	71.6	63.08			63.08
ADF	31.63	11.51	12.23			12.23
Lignin	10.28	3.55	2.66			2.66

MMD = Mango maize diet; CMD = Control maize diet; ACD = Absolute control diet.

and weighed one by one for the follow-up of the laying parameters: the number of eggs per ration, the weight of the eggs, the length (large diameter) and width (small diameter) of the eggs the large diameter and the small one was measured using a calliper. This phase has covered lasted 4 weeks. The following parameters of the egg were either directly obtained for the number of eggs laid per batch, per collection and counting, or calculated for:

The average weight of eggs per batch, per weighing after collection;

The length and width of the eggs by direct measurements with a caliper;

The egg volume was calculated according to the following formula:

$V(\text{cm}^3) = 0.476 \times D(\text{cm}) \times d^2(\text{cm}^2) / 1000$ where D and d are respectively large and small diameter [12].

The density of the eggs: according to the rations is calculated through the

formula $D(\text{g}/\text{cm}^3) = P/V$ where P is egg weight and V its volume [13].

The shape index of the eggs of each diet is calculated through the formula $IF = (d \times D)/100$ where d and D are the length and the width of the egg measured in mm [14].

2.6. Statistical Analyzes

The data were recorded in the software Microsoft Excel 2013 then analyzed thanks to the software XLSTAT Version 2014 software. Some variance Analyzes (ANOVA) using Fisher model (LSD) ($p < 0.05$) were made for averages comparison of the diets of some studied parameters (Pellet Weight, ADG, FI, CI, egg weight, volume and density). The laying rates for each week were also calculated.

3. Results

3.1. Growing Layer Growth Parameters

The growth was current in all the diets during the first stage of the test. The average initial weights (IW) were significantly homogeneous ($p > 0.05$) for all diets (Table 3). The final average weight (FW) of the MMD diet was significantly lower than that of the CMD and ACD diets, which were homogeneous ($p > 0.05$) between them.

3.2. Influence of Diets on Growing Layer Growth

The ADGs (Table 4) were significantly homogeneous between CMD and ACD diets ($p > 0.05$). The ADG of MMD was lower than that of CMD and ACD ($p < 0.05$). On the opposite, the self-willed food intake (FI) and the consumption index (CI) of the MMD diet were significantly ($p < 0.05$) higher than those of the

Table 3. Initial weights (PI) and final weights (PF) of growing layer.

Rations	Initial weights			Final weights		
	N	Mean	Standard deviation	N	Mean	Standard deviation
MMD	70	894.86 ^a	100.855	70	1265.06 ^a	116.524
CMD	70	906.09 ^a	75.28	70	1364.37 ^b	114.35
ACD	70	896.01 ^a	86.085	69	1364.22 ^b	115.178

MMD = Mango maize diet; CMD = Control maize diet; ACD = Absolute control diet.

Table 4. Daily Average Gain (DAG), Voluntary Consumption (VC) and Consumption Index.

Rations	Parameters			
	N	ADG (g)	FI (g)	CI
MMD	70	9.18 ± 1.63 ^a	66.48 ± 4.71 ^a	7.25 ± 0.15 ^a
CMD	70	10.95 ± 1.60 ^b	60.73 ± 4.88 ^b	5.55 ± 0.45 ^b
ACD	70	10.59 ± 3.31 ^b	60.90 ± 4.22 ^b	5.75 ± 0.40 ^b

MMD = Mango maize diet; CMD = Control maize diet; ACD = Absolute control diet.

CMD and ACD diets. The absolute values of the CI and FI of the ACD diet were higher than those of the CMD diet. The ADG of this latter diet was higher than that of ACD.

3.3. Evolution of the Number of the Eggs Laid during the First Month

During the first month of laying, the hens laid 774 eggs in total with respectively 134 eggs (17% of the eggs laid) for MMD, 283 eggs (36.56%) for ACD and 357 eggs (49.48%) CMD. The chicken feed with diets CMD and ACD started laying in the 18th week. Those using the MMD started their laying in the 19th week. The laying rates were regularly increasing for those using CMD and ACD. For the ration MMD, there was an upwards peak in the 2nd week. The average laying rates in the 1st and in the 4th weeks were homogenous between CMD and ACD ($p = 0.000$) and higher than the one of MMD ($p = 0.000$). During the 2nd week, the homogenous laying rates of MMD and ACD were significantly lower than the one of CMD ($p = 0.000$). In the 3rd week, the rates of CMD and ACD were higher than the MMD one ($p = 0.000$).

3.4. Evolution of the Weight of the Laid Eggs during the First Month of Laying

The average eggs weight for the chicken using the MMD diet was significantly higher ($p < 0.0001$) than the other two diets from the 1st to the 4th week (**Table 5**). The average weight of the eggs for the CMD diet was homogeneous between the 1st and 2nd week and between the 3rd and 4th week ($p > 0.05$). The average weights of the last 2 weeks were significantly higher than those of the first 2 weeks ($p < 0.0003$). The average weights of ACD eggs were homogeneous ($p > 0.0001$) between the first 2 weeks and significantly lower than those of the last 2 weeks ($p < 0.0001$). Still in the same diet, the average weight of eggs in the last week was significantly higher than in the third week ($p < 0.0001$).

3.5. Weight, Density and Volume of Eggs According to Diets

The results in **Table 6** show that heaviest weights and densest eggs were recorded in the ACD diet. The largest egg was recorded in the MMD diet followed

Table 5. Weekly hen laying rate between rations.

Rations	Observation periods			
	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
CMD	54.184 ^b	65.077 ^b	67.295 ^c	68.968 ^b
ACD	40.272 ^b	41.486 ^a	53.379 ^b	62.009 ^b
MMD	7.653 [*]	48.908 ^a	31.292 ^a	40.903 ^a
Pr > F	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Significance	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

*Average of one day. MMD = Mango maize diet; CMD = Control maize diet; ACD = Absolute control diet.

by the CMD diet. The largest weights and volumes were recorded in the MMD diet. The least heavy and least bulky egg was recorded in the CMD diet. The average weight and the average density of the eggs were significantly homogeneous among all the diets ($p > 0.05$). The average egg volume of the MMD diet ($40 \pm 2.73 \text{ cm}^3$) was significantly greater ($p < 0.05$) than of the CMD and ACD diets both homogeneous ($p > 0.05$) (**Table 7**).

4. Discussion

4.1. Effects of the Diet on the Growth Performance of the Growing Layers

At the end of the experiment, the average weight reached by the growing layers between 16 and 17 weeks old of the corn control diet (CMD) and the absolute control diet (ACD) were similar as compared with those recommended by [2].

Table 6. Descriptive statistics of egg weight, density and volume.

Parameters	Diets	Mean	SD	Minimum	Maximum
Weight (g)	MMD	47.55	3.885	35	54
	CMD	47.26	4.007	30	56
	ACD	47.05	4.247	38	67
Density (g/m^3)	MMD	1.11	0.28	0	1.37
	CMD	1.14	0.29	0	1.91
	ACD	1.15	0.29	0	1.93
Volume (cm^3)	MMD	40.44	2.73	33.25	48.03
	CMD	39.74	3.81	23.38	51.31
	ACD	39.48	4.03	27.96	62.73

MMD = Mango maize diet; CMD = Control maize diet; ACD = Absolute control diet.

Table 7. Weekly weight changes of eggs per ration.

Number of Weeks		MMD	CMD	ACD
1	N	14	15	11
	Weight (g)	41.07 ± 3.79^a	44.20 ± 3.14^a	42.26 ± 2.80^a
2	N	25	54	37
	Weight (g)	47.40 ± 3.35^b	45.7 ± 3.52^a	44.19 ± 3.38^a
3	N	57	115	90
	Weight (g)	48.05 ± 3.18^{bc}	47.16 ± 4.23^b	47.16 ± 4.21^b
4	N	38	173	144
	Weight (g)	49.29 ± 2.69^c	48.10 ± 3.79^b	48.7 ± 4.03^c
Signification	R^2	0.283	0.103	0.230
	F	16.439	4.796	12.449
	Pr > F	<0.0001	0.003	<0.0001

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They were located between 1300 g (16th week) and 1400 g (17th week), be it in average 1350 g/subject. The average weight reached by the subjects of the experimental mango diet (MMD) (1265.6 g), which is less efficient than those of the diets, agrees respectively with the recommendations of 1250 g for Isa Brown Hy-Line W-36 [15] and 1230 g for Hy-Line CV-22 strains at the 17th week old [16]. These weight levels reached are the logical result of the ADG of the experimental diet, which was lower than those of the control diets. The average of the ADG of MMD diet (9.176 ± 1.633 g) is similar to that (9.0 ± 7.0 g) reported by [17] for a diet incorporating corn variety SR21 in Burkina Faso. However, it is lower than the ADG of the diets incorporating 2% of *Moringa* (12.45 g) and 2% of the pulp of *Nere* (10.78 g) as recorded by [1]. This low weight performance is due to the high dilution of energy by the fibers revealed through the results of the analyses of the chemical composition of the MMD diet. Indeed, the experimental diet concentrated at the end more fibers (CB, NDF, ADF) and 2 and 3 times of more lignin which is known to be indigestible than in CMD and ACD. With the monogastric species, in fact, the high levels of dietary fiber reduce the digestibility of diets and increase the feed intake. This kind of result has also been reported for mango wastes by [11]. This low performance of the MMD diet caused by the low availability of energy is not bad. In the framework of the preparation of the growing layers to laying, it is recommended to dilute the growing layer's diet by adding fibers generally present in some cereals by-products and in some oleaginous grains (all types of bran, Lucerne...) [18]. The author précised that high content of CB allows not only a good development of the digestive tract but also the widening of the pelvis for a lasting laying. The raw fibers which are not digestible or are a little bit digestible induce from what is called the training effect during the breeding stage and has a positive impact feathers pecking by the growing layers that leads to cannibalism. Indeed, the fact that the animals eat their feathers could be due to a strong desire of fibers which are not enough in the diet. This situation favors pecking among them [18]. In addition, there has been evidence of a relative increase in the size of the digestive tract organs associated with an increase in the fiber content in the growing layer feeding [19]. As a result of all said above, mango feed can be substituted by both maize for a rate of 37.65% and bran for 9.5% in diets of growing layers in preparation to laying. These rates are the consequences of the difference between the incorporation rate of mango and the incorporation rate of corn + bran in the MMD diet. It could be recommended in the preparation of the growing layers' ration because of its high content in fibers. It should be necessary to adjust the diets in order to take into account their biological values stemming from the analyses, especially as the results are variable when fruit wastes are used in the diet following the preparations [9].

4.2. Effects of Ration on the Weight, the Shape, the Volume and the Density of Eggs

It was brought out that the weight and the density of the eggs were not signifi-

cantly influenced by adding mango in the rations of the laying hens. However, it is noted that in absolute value, the weight of the eggs of the MMD diet (47.55 ± 3.89 g) was higher than those in CMD (47.26 ± 4.01 g) and ACD diets (47.05 ± 4.25 g). Under similar environmental conditions as in Cote-d'Ivoire, the weight of the eggs of the MMD diet was very close and well-controlled by average weights between 46.54 ± 0.44 g and 48.72 ± 0.41 g reported by [20] [18] for the first month of laying of Isa Brown hens fed with maize. This proves that mango feed can replace corn in the ration. Similar results are reported in Benin by [21] for two experimental corn diets in which 5% and 10% of dried cassava leaves were incorporated. However, the weight of the eggs reported by these authors of more than 50 g was higher by 3 points for each of the CMD and ACD control diets and by 2 points for the MMD mango diet. The average egg volume of the MMD diet was significantly higher by 0.7 than CMD diet and 0.96 points than the ACD one. After measuring all the eggs were sold together. Experimental eggs were more preferred than those of the basic production unit because of their volume that attracts customers. The sale of eggs is the only objective of the promoter both on the station and in the laying hens' production units in Bobo-Dioulasso and elsewhere. In addition, for the customer the only visible parameter that can influence his choice is that of the size unlike the density and the weight which are hardly perceptible parameters. Indeed, eggs are not sold by weight or after the appreciation of its content (density). All this confirms the need to prepare the growing layers well for laying, ensuring among other things the adequacy of rations that can promote greater food consumption and good conformation of the pelvis. The dilution of the ration by adding food fibers is recommended in feeding growing layers when they are in preparation to laying; mango waste constitute an opportunity to make animals feed more available, especially for the laying hens and at the same time to favor an efficient preparation to laying.

5. Conclusion

Incorporation of mango waste in the laying hen diet increased the voluntary consumption of growing layers and resulted in larger eggs in the first month of laying compared to control diets. Mango waste is, therefore, an alternative for greater availability of animals' feed, particularly for laying hens. The slow growth due to the dilution of the ration by fibrous feeds like mango waste is a beneficial practice for the preparation of growing layers to laying, in this case for getting larger eggs in a lasting laying. There is a need to continue investigations by setting up trials covering both the growth period and the entire laying phase. The fact of the high incorporation of more than 50% of mango waste in the MMD diet in substitution to maize grain and bran constitutes an opportunity to reduce the competition, in the use of cereals including maize, between humans and animals. It promotes the valorization of production and/or processing by-products such as mango waste. Further work following this exploratory study is needed to better refine the recommendations for the use of mango waste in the diet of laying hens.

Conflicts of Interest

The authors declare no conflicts of interest regarding the publication of this paper.

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