

INFLUENCE OF ADDING LINSEED OR SUNFLOWER OILS TO DIETS ON THE PERFORMANCE OF BROILER CHICKS

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ABSTRACT: The present study was carried out in a private commercial broilers farm at Berket EL-Saab city, Menoufia governorate, Egypt, during the period from May to June 2019. The aim of this study was to investigate the impacts of adding two vegetable oils, linseed or sunflower, in broiler diets, on growth performance, some blood components, some carcass traits, immunity and economic efficiency. A total number of one hundred and eighty, one day old unsexed Arbor Acres broiler chicks were used in this study. Chicks were individually weighed, wing banded and randomly assigned to three treatments (T₁, T₂ and T₃), 3 replicates pens of 20 birds each nearly similar in average body weight (42g). Two vegetable oils, linseed or sunflower, were added at the level of 3% in broiler diets. The experimental groups were as follows: T₁: Control (basal diet without oil), T₂: basal diet with 3% linseed oil and T₃: basal diet with 3% sunflower oil. Results revealed that body weight, body weight gain, feed conversion ratio and performance index were significantly improved ($P \leq 0.05$) with the addition of vegetable oils from 1 - 35 days of age compared to the control birds. Birds fed linseed oil had higher values of white blood cells (WBCs), total cholesterol, triglyceride and high density lipo-protein (HDL), while low density lipo-protein (LDL) was the lowest value compared to the other groups. Linseed or sunflower oils addition significantly and liver %, while dressing percentage, heart and gizzard % were not affected. Immune organs proportion (spleen, thymus and bursa %) were significantly ($P \leq 0.05$) increased when birds received linseed oil supplement compared to birds fed sunflower oil supplement or basal diet (control). Chicks fed linseed oil treatment recorded the highest relative economic efficiency (108.20 %), followed by chicks fed sunflower oil (103.28), considering the control group as 100%.

It could be concluded that supplementation of 3% linseed oil to the broiler diets can be used with no adverse effects, and with improving body weight, feed conversion ratio, performance index and increasing the proportion of immune organs and relative economical efficiency.

Key words: Broilers, linseed oil, sunflower oil, growth performance, blood components and immunity.

INTRODUCTION

In broiler chickens production, feed represents a major proportion of production costs. Van der Klis *et al.* (2010) demonstrated that, energy accounts for 70-75% of feed costs. In the past, cereal grains have been the major source of energy in broiler diets, however, dietary fats have also been

used more recently as high energy components. Amount of fatty acid in the chicken meat depend on the feed provided to the chicken. Several studies suggest that in both birds and mammals, polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFA) inhibit lipid synthesis (Simopoulos, 2009 and Nguyen *et al.*, 2003). Flaxseed is unique among oilseeds because of its

exceptionally high content of α -linolenic acid (18:3, n-3), contains 35 to 45% oil (Bhatty, 1995). In mono gastric species such as poultry, the fatty acid profile of the meat and fat is directly affected by the source of fat in diet. It has been reported that feeding omega-3 enriched diets to poultry increases the omega-3 content of eggs and meat and thus enriched poultry products offer consumers an alternative to enhance their omega-3 daily intake (Lopez-Ferrer *et al.*, 2001).

There is increasing recognition of the health benefits of PUFA in general, and of n3 fatty acids in particular, because these fatty acids are essential for humans. Today we know that n3 fatty acids are important in the prevention and treatment of coronary disease, hypertension, diabetes and arthritis.

Several trials have shown that an increase in the content of long chain n3 PUFA in chicken broiler meat may be achieved by including linseed oil as a source of precursor and α -linolenic acid.

Dietary oils have high caloric value and thus provide increased energy levels at a lower cost (Baiao and Lara, 2005). In addition, oil improves the absorption of oil-soluble vitamins, increases the palatability of rations, reduces pulverulence, increases the efficiency of the consumed energy (Baiao and Lara, 2005 and Chwen *et al.*, 2013) and also reduces the rate of passage of digesta in the gastrointestinal tract, which gives room for adequate and efficient absorption of the nutrients present in such diet (Baiao and Lara, 2005).

It was observed that the replace of tallow by vegetable fats rich in polyunsaturated fatty acids like sunflower oil, soybean oil or linseed oil resulted in decreasing the abdominal fat deposition in broilers (Wongsuthavas *et al.*, 2008).

Therefore, the aim of this experiment was to study the effect of adding two vegetable oils, linseed or sunflower oils in broiler diets on growth performance, some carcass traits, some blood components, immunity and economic efficiency.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

This work was carried out in a private commercial broilers farm at Berket EL-Saab city, Menoufia governorate, Egypt, throughout the experimental period from (May to June 2019). The aim of this study was to investigate the impact of adding two vegetable oils, linseed or sunflower in broiler diets, on growth performance, some carcass traits, some blood components, immunity and economic efficiency.

One hundred and eighty, one day old unsexed Arbor Acres broiler chicks were used in this study. Chicks were wing banded, individually weighed and randomly assigned to three treatments (T₁, T₂ and T₃), in 3 replicates pens of 20 birds nearly similar in average body weight 42g Two vegetable oils, linseed or sunflower, were added at the level of 3% in broiler diets. Birds received their diets to save the nutrient requirements according to the NRC (1994) recommendations. Artificial light was used to provide 24 hours photo period. Vaccination and medical program were done according to common veterinarian care practice. Chicks housed on floor furnished with wheat straw.

The composition and chemical analysis of the experimental diets are shown in (Table 1). Feed and water were provided ad-libitum during the experimental period (1 - 35d of age). Diets were formulated to be isonitrogenous, isocaloric and covered nutrient requirements for birds throughout starting (1- 21) and growing (22 - 35) periods of age according to NRC (1994)

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recommendations. The experimental groups were as follows: T₁: Control (basal diet without oil), T₂: basal diet with 3% linseed oil and T₃: basal diet with 3% sunflower oil. Body weight (BW), body weight gain (BWG) and feed intake (FI) was recorded weekly. Feed conversion ratio (FCR) was calculated during the experimental period. At the end of the experimental (5 weeks of age), 6 birds from each treatment around the average live body weight were chosen, fasted for about 12 hours, weighed and slaughtered to complete bleeding, followed by plucking the feathers. Dressing and giblets weight were expressed related to live body weight and recorded. Blood samples were collected into tubes without heparin and separated by

centrifugation at 3000 rpm for 15 minutes and frozen at - 20 C° until analysis. as well as white blood cells (WBCs) were counted; and their types cells were also determined according to Feldman *et al.* (2000). concentration and packed cells volume percentages (PCV) were measured according to Drew *et al.* (2004). Also, Serum total cholesterol, Triglyceride concentration, High density lipoprotein and low density lipoprotein was determined using commercial kits. The economic efficiency of the experimental diets used in the present study was calculated from the input – output analysis (Heady and Jensen, 1954), assuming that the other head costs were constant.

Table 1. Composition and calculated analysis of the experimental diets fed during starting (1 - 21) and growing periods (22 - 35) days of age.

Ingredients	Starter diets			Grower diets		
	T ₁	T ₂	T ₃	T ₁	T ₂	T ₃
Ground yellow corn, 8.5%.	58.30	52.70	52.70	64.50	59.30	59.30
Soybean meal, 44%.	30.40	32.55	32.55	30.16	31.00	31.00
Corn gluten meal, 62%.	7.80	6.70	6.70	2.10	1.90	1.90
Wheat bran, %.	-----	1.26	1.26	-----	1.42	1.42
Linseed oil, %.	-----	3.00	-----	-----	3.00	-----
Sunflower oil, %.	-----	-----	3.00	-----	-----	3.00
Limestone, %.	1.50	1.45	1.45	1.64	1.57	1.57
Di- calcium phosphate, %.	1.35	1.69	1.69	0.95	1.16	1.16
Salt (Sodium chloride), %.	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
Vit. and min.mixture ¹ , %.	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30
DL- Methionine ² , %.	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100
Calculated analysis (air dry basis)³.						
Crude protein, %.	23.01	23.01	23.01	20.01	20.01	20.01
ME, K cal/Kg diet.	3020	3018	3018	3017	3018	3018
C/P ratio.	131	131	131	151	151	151
Calcium, %.	0.98	1.01	1.01	0.97	0.98	0.98
Available Phosphorus, %.	0.45	0.46	0.46	0.45	0.46	0.46

¹Vitamins and minerals mixture at 0.30 % of the diet supplies the following/ kg of the diet: Vit. A, 12000 IU; Vit. D₃, 2500 IU; Vit. E, 10 mg; Vit. K₃, 3 mg; Vit B₁, 1 mg; Vit. B₂, 4 mg; Pantothenic acid, 10 mg

;Nicotinic acid, 20 mg; Folic acid, 1 mg; Biotin, 0.05 mg; Niacin, 40 mg; Vit.B₆, 3 mg; Vit B₁₂, 0.02 mg; Choline chloride, 400 mg; Mn, 62 mg; Fe, 44 mg; Zn, 56 mg; I, 1 mg; Cu, 5 mg and Se, 0.01 mg.

²DL – Methionine: 98% feed grade (98 % Methionine).

³Calculated according to NRC (1994).

Statistical Analysis:

Data were statistically analyzed by the completely randomized design using SPSS (2011) program and the differences among means were determined using Duncan’s multiple range test (Duncan, 1955). Percentages were transformed to the corresponding arcsine values before performing statistical analysis (Snedecor and Cochran, 1982).

The model applied was:

$Y_{ij} = \mu + \alpha_i + E_{ij}$, Where:- Y_{ij} = an observation. μ = Overall mean. α_i = effect of treatment (I = 1, 2 and 3), and E_{ij} = Random error.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Growth performance:

Table 2 showed that adding linseed or sunflower oils significantly ($P \leq 0.05$) increased body weight (BW) and body weight gain (BWG) at 3 and 5 weeks of age compared to the control group (T₁) and the linseed achieved the heaviest BW and BWG (T₂). Also, performance index (PI) was significantly ($P \leq 0.05$) increased by adding vegetable oils (linseed or

sunflower) at 3 and 5 weeks of age compared to the control group (T₁). The highest (PI) was in linseed oil group (T₂) which recorded 72.05 and 146.02% at 3 and 5 weeks of age, respectively compared to birds fed sunflower oil (T₃) which recorded 58.88 and 95.21%, respectively, whereas the lower PI (44.54 and 79.24%) was in the control group.

These findings are supported with those obtained by Duarte *et al.* (2013) who found that body weight gain was significantly higher in broilers fed linseed oil at levels of 6.6 and 9.9 % which recorded 2764 g and 2805 g compared to broilers fed control diet without linseed oil which recorded 2532 g.

On the other hand, El katcha *et al.* (2014), Masek *et al.* (2014), and Febal *et al.* (2008) observed that feeding soybean or linseed oils did not increased body weight or body weight gain. Also, Starčević *et al.* (2014) showed that growth performance of chickens was not significantly differ between groups fed linseed or sunflower oils.

Table 2. Effect of dietary linseed or sunflower oils ($\bar{X} \pm SE$) on the performance of growing broiler chicks at 3 and 5 weeks of age.

Treatments ¹	Body weight (g)		Body weight gain (g)		Performance Index (PI, %) ⁴	
	3 weeks	5 weeks	3 weeks	5 weeks	3 weeks	5 weeks
T ₁	574.60 ^c ±0.81	1680 ^c ± 0.002	301.40 ^c ±0.111	620.00 ^c ±0.120	44.54 ^c ± 0.12	79.24 ^{2,3c} ±0.17
T ₂	864.60 ^a ±0.81	2205 ^a ± 0.002	427.00 ^a ±0.111	685.00 ^a ±0.120	72.05 ^a ± 0.12	146.02 ^a ±0.17
T ₃	736 ^b ± 0.81	1952 ^b ± 0.002	392.40 ^b ±0.111	652.00 ^b ±0.120	58.88 ^b ± 0.12	95.21 ^b ± 0.17

¹T₁; Control diet, T₂; Control diet +3% Linseed oil and T₃; Control diet + 3% Sunflower oil.

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² $\bar{X} \pm SE$ of 3 replicates / treatment.

³ a,b,c.....: Means within the same row with different superscripts are significantly different ($P \leq 0.05$).

⁴ Performance Index (PI, %) = Live body weight, Kg \times 100/ feed conversion ratio.

Feed intake and feed conversion ratio:

Data in Table (3) showed that the addition of linseed (T₂) or sunflower (T₃) oils in diets had significantly ($P \leq 0.05$) increased daily feed intake at 3 and 5 weeks of age. The highest daily feed intake was recorded in linseed oil group (73.20 and 192.78 g/ bird/ day) then birds fed sunflower oil (70.08 and 190.94 g/ bird/ day) and the last one was the control group (T₁) which recorded 55.55 and 187.77 g/ bird/ day, respectively at 3 and 5 weeks of age. The best feed conversion ratio was in T₂ which recorded 1.20 and 1.97 at 3 and 5 weeks of age then birds fed sunflower oil (1.25 and 2.05) and the worst value was the control group (T₁) which recorded 1.29 and 2.12 at same ages (Table 3).

Wenying *et al.*, 2019, concluded that adding 5% of flax oil to the standard corn-soybean meal diet improved feed efficiency ratio of growing broilers. Also, Rahimi *et al.* (2011) indicted that increasing dietary linseed oil or canola oil had a significant effect on feed conversion ratio.

On the other hand, Houguo *et al.*

(2015) observed that linseed oil or soybean oil supplementation did not reduce the feed efficiency ratio.

Blood components:

Table (4) showed that adding linseed (T₂) or sunflower (T₃) oils have significantly ($P \leq 0.05$) increased cholesterol value at 5 weeks of ages. The highest was recorded in broilers fed linseed oil (130.55 mg/dl) then broilers fed sunflower oil (127.11mg/dl) and the last one was in the control which recorded (125.80mg/dl) and the higher triglyceride was found in broilers fed diet supplemented with linseed or sunflower oils in diets which recorded 110.22 mg/dl and 10.90 mg/dl respectively. The lowest value of triglyceride was in control group which recorded 108.70 mg/dl. The highest HDL was recorded in broilers fed 3% linseed oil in diets (75.80 mg/dl) then broilers fed 3% sunflower oils (70.43 mg/dl) and the lowest value was in the control which recorded 70.40 mg/dl. Broilers fed 3% sunflower oil and those in the control group have the highest LDL which recorded 34.70 and 33.66 mg/dl, respectively.

Table 3. Effect of dietary linseed or sunflower oils ($\bar{X} \pm SE$) on daily feed intake and feed conversion ratio* at 3 and 5 weeks at 5 weeks of broiler chicks of age.

Treatments ¹	Feed intake (g/ bird/ day)		Feed conversion ratio*	
	3 weeks	5 weeks	3 weeks	5 weeks
T ₁	55.55 ^c \pm 0.43	187.77 ^c \pm 1.78	1.29 ^a \pm 0.79	2.12 ^{2,3a} \pm 0.57
T ₂	73.20 ^a \pm 0.43	192.78 ^a \pm 3.21	1.20 ^c \pm 0.79	1.97 ^c \pm 0.57
T ₃	70.08 ^b \pm 0.33	190.94 ^b \pm 1.74	1.25 ^b \pm 0.79	2.05 ^b \pm 0.57

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¹T₁; Control diet, T₂;Control diet +3% Linseed oil and T₃; Control diet + 3% Sunflower oil.

²X ± SE of 3 replicates / treatment.

³a,b,c...: Means within the same row with different superscripts are significantly different (P ≤ 0.05).

* Feed conversion ratio= (feed intake, g/ d)/ (body weight gain, g/ d).

Table 4. Effect of dietary linseed or sunflower oils (X ± SE) on some blood components at 5 weeks of age.

Treatments ¹	Total cholesterol	Triglyceride	HDL	LDL
	----- mg/ dl -----			
T ₁	125.80 ^c ± 3.84	108.70 ^b ± 2.85	70.40 ^b ± 3.16	33.66 ^a ± 1.00
T ₂	130.55 ^a ± 3.20	110.22 ^a ± 2.91	75.80 ^a ± 3.16	32.70 ^b ± 1.00
T ₃	127.11 ^b ± 3.15	109.90 ^a ± 2.89	70.43 ^b ± 3.16	34.70 ^a ± 1.00
SIG	*	*	*	*

¹T₁; Control diet, T₂;Control diet +3% Linseed oil and T₃; Control diet + 3% Sunflower oil.

²X ± SE of 3 replicates / treatment.

³a,b,c...: Means within the same row with different superscripts are significantly different (P ≤ 0.05).

These results are coincides with Malwina *et al.* (2020) who reported that some blood parameters influenced by the flaxseed supplementation, e.g, the level of hemoglobin declined (P ≤ 0.05) and the iron level in plasma increased (P ≤ 0.05) and they concluded that, flax and sunflower oils can be regarded as good dietary components with positive effects on the dietary value of poultry meat.

Carcass characteristics:

The effect of dietary linseed (T₂) or sunflower (T₃) oils on carcass characteristics of growing broilers at 5 weeks of age is presented in Table (5). There were no significant differences between treatments on all observed carcass characteristics, but liver percentage (%) had significantly decreased.

These results were in agreement with Panda *et al.* (2015) who found that carcass parameters such as dressing, heart and gizzard % were not affected due to dietary incorporation with linseed oil. The abdominal fat content was significantly reduced by dietary incorporation of linseed oil in broiler's diets.

Immune organs:

Results of some immune organs at 5 weeks of age are presented in Table (6). Immune organs percentage (spleen, thymus, and bursa) were significantly affected by the supplementation of linseed oils (3%) and recorded the highest values (0.24, 1.04 and 0.22%), respectively compared to chicks fed the control diet or diet supplemented with 3 % sunflower oil which recorded the lowest value and almost the same values.

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These results are in agreement with Wenying *et al.* (2019) who concluded that adding 5% of flax oil to the standard corn

- soybean meal diet affected the T lymphocyte ratio of fast growing broilers.

Table 5. Effect of dietary linseed or sunflower oils ($\bar{X} \pm SE$) on carcass characteristics of growing broiler chicks at 5 weeks of age.

Treatments ¹	Carcass traits (%)			
	Dressing*	Giblets		
	Giblets	Liver	Heart	Gizzard
T ₁	75.9 ± 1.23	2.78 ^{2,3a} ± 0.01	0.42 ± 0.03	2.22 ± 0.12
T ₂	75.9 ± 1.18	2.59 ^b ± 0.03	0.46 ± 0.05	2.26 ± 0.16
T ₃	75.9 ± 1.20	2.56 ^b ± 0.05	0.44 ± 0.04	2.24 ± 0.15
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*With giblets and abdominal fat

¹T₁; Control diet, T₂;Control diet +3% Linseed oil and T₃; Control diet + 3% Sunflower oil.

² $\bar{X} \pm SE$ of 3 replicates / treatment.

³a,b,c...: Means within the same row with different superscripts are significantly different ($P \leq 0.05$).

Table 6. Effect of dietary linseed or sunflower oils ($\bar{X} \pm SE$) on immune organs at 5 weeks of age.

Treatments ¹	Immune organs (%)		
	Spleen %	Thymus%	Bursa%
T ₁	0.18 ^b ± 0.02	0.82 ^b ± 2.4	0.14 ^{2,3b} ± 0.01
T ₂	0.24 ^a ± 0.02	1.04 ^a ± 2.4	0.22 ^a ± 0.01
T ₃	0.16 ^b ± 0.02	0.88 ^b ± 2.4	0.13 ^b ± 0.01
SIG	*	*	*

¹T₁; Control diet, T₂;Control diet +3% Linseed oil and T₃; Control diet + 3% Sunflower oil.

² $\bar{X} \pm SE$ of 3 replicates / treatment.

³a,b,c...: Means within the same row with different superscripts are significantly different ($P \leq 0.05$).

Economic efficiency:

Results of feeding cost for chicks fed the experimental diets are presented in Table (7). The relative economical

efficiency measures the differences between the income of the business and the cost of the feed and is a product of meat production and marketing price.

Production volume is influenced by feed price, feed intake, final body weight and marketing price. Through our inputs and outcomes for 35 days old broilers chicks, relative economical efficiency

was increased with the addition of 3% linseed oil (108.20 and net revenue 28.85 L.E.) or 3% sunflower oil (103.28 and net revenue 24.99 L.E.) compared to 21.21 L.E. in the control group.

Table 7. Effect of dietary linseed or sunflower oils on the economic efficiency of the experimental diets at 35 days.

Items	Dietary treatments ¹		
	T ₁	T ₂	T ₃
Initial body weight, g.	40.60	42.60	42.00
Final body weight, kg.	1.68	2.20	1.95
Body weight gain, kg.	1.64	2.16	1.91
Total revenue ² , L. E.	38.54	50.76	44.89
Feed intake, kg.	2.75	3.37	3.11
Price of one kg feed, L. E.	6.30	6.50	6.40
Feed cost, L. E ³ .	17.33	21.91	19.90
Net revenue ⁴ , L. E.	21.21	28.85	24.99
Economical efficiency ⁵ .	1.22	1.32	1.26
Relative economic efficiency, %(REE) ⁶ .	100	108.20	103.28

Price of one kg live body weight was 23.5 L.E.

¹T₁; Control, T₂; Linseed oil 3%, and T₃; Sunflower oil 3%.

²Total revenue = body weight gain × marketing price which is 23.5 L.E. kg at time of experiment.

³feed cost = feed intake × price of kg of diet

⁴Net revenue = Total revenue – Feed cost.

⁵Economical efficiency = Net revenue / Feed cost.

⁶REE (Relative economic efficiency); assuming that economic efficiency of control group equal 100

CONCLUSION:

In general, based on the obtained experimental results reported in this study, it could be concluded that the supplementation of 3% linseed oil to the broiler diets can be used with no adverse effects. It will act improving body weight, feed conversion ratio, performance index, increasing the proportion of immune organs and relative economical

efficiency, under the same conditions of this study.

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تأثير اضافة زيت الكتان أو زيت دوار الشمس الي العلائق على أداء كتاكيت التسمين

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أجريت هذه التجربة في إحدى المزارع التجارية الخاصة بمدينة بركة السبع - محافظة المنوفية - مصر - خلال الفترة من شهر مايو حتى يونيو ٢٠١٩م - بهدف دراسة تأثير إضافة نوعين من الزيوت النباتية (زيت الكتان أو زيت دوار الشمس) في عليقة كتاكيت التسمين على كل من: أداء النمو، بعض مكونات الدم، صفات الذبيحة، المناعة والكفاءة الاقتصادية. استخدم عدد ١٨٠ كتكوت أريور إكرز غير مجنس عمر يوم - تم وزنها وترقيمتها ثم قسمت عشوائيا إلى ٣ مجموعات تجريبية بكل منها ٣ مكررات (٢٠ كتكوت/ مكررة) - متشابهة تقريبا في وزن الجسم بمتوسط ٢٤ جم، تم إضافة زيت الكتان أو زيت دوار الشمس بمعدل ٣% إلى علائق كتاكيت التسمين - استخدمت الإضاءة الصناعية لتوفير ٢٤ ساعة إضاءة طوال فترة التجربة - وكانت المعاملات التجريبية على النحو التالي: المعاملة الأولى: عليقة المقارنة (العليقة الأساسية) بدون إضافة الزيت، المعاملة الثانية: العليقة الأساسية مع إضافة ٣% من زيت الكتان، المعاملة الثالثة: العليقة الأساسية مع إضافة ٣% من زيت دوار الشمس.

اتضح من النتائج أن إضافة الزيوت النباتية أدت إلى تحسين معنى فى كل من: وزن الجسم، الزيادة المكتسبة في وزن الجسم، معدل تحويل العليقة ودليل الأداء خلال الفترة من ١ - ٣٥ يوم من العمر مقارنة بالكنترول. سجلت الطيور المغذاة على العليقة المضاف إليها زيت الكتان أعلى قيم لكرات الدم البيضاء، الجلوسيدات الثلاثية والليبيروتين على الكثافة، بينما كان الليبيروتين منخفض الكثافة أقل قيمة مقارنة بالمعاملات الأخرى. إضافة زيت الكتان أو زيت دوار الشمس إلى العلائق أدى إلى انخفاض معنوي (عند مستوى ٠.٠٥) في % الكبد،. زادت معنويا (عند مستوى ٠.٠٥) زادت معنويا% لأعضاء المناعة (الطحال، الثيموس والبرسا) في الطيور التي غذيت على العليقة المضاف إليها زيت الكتان مقارنة بمجموعه الطيور التي غذيت على العليقة الأساسية (الكنترول). سجلت كتاكيت التسمين التي غذيت على العليقة المحتوية على زيت الكتان أعلى كفاءة اقتصادية نسبية (١٠٨.٢٠) يليها الكتاكيت التي غذيت على العليقة المحتوية على زيت دوار الشمس (١٠٣.٢٨) باعتبار أن الكفاءة الاقتصادية النسبية للكنترول كانت ١٠٠.

يمكن استنتاج أن إضافة ٣٪ زيت الكتان إلى علائق كتاكيت التسمين أدى الي تحسين وزن الجسم، معدل تحويل العلائق، دليل الأداء، زيادة نسبة أعضاء المناعة والكفاءة الاقتصادية النسبية بدون أي اثار سلبية تحت نفس ظروف هذه الدراسة.
الكلمات المرشدة : كتاكيت التسمين، زيت الكتان، زيت دوار الشمس، أداء النمو، مكونات الدم، المناعة.

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