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Abstract

Cattle fattening for beef production have become an important business in Bangladesh. Breed, age, characteristics of animals and the source of animals are important for beef fattening. In few areas of Bangladesh a small scale commercial beef fattening program has already been started. Straw is the important crop residue; contribute the major portion of the fibrous part of the diet of the beef cattle. Rice straw is the basal feed for ruminants with low nutritive value and low digestibility. Farmers use rice straw of traditional varieties, green grass, sugarcane tops, wheat and rice bran, molasses, pulses bran and locally available resources such as pumpkin, carrot, bananas, vegetables by products, rice gruel, boiled rice bran, oil cakes etc for beef fattening. The chemical treatment of straw is the most effective and economic method to improving the quality. Straw is mainly treated with urea and molasses and in some cases chemical treatment also done by the former. Urea molasses straw treatment in beef cattle resulted higher body weight, dressing percentage and also in better carcass quality than untreated straw. The acute shortage of feeds and fodder has long been identified as a serious constraint to optimum livestock production in Bangladesh. The nutritional factor is considered a major constraint to livestock productivity. Traditional grazing field is a scarce except in some pockets in Pabna and Sylph districts. Farmers used three years old cattle for beef fattening and maximum growth rate between 1.1 year to 1.4 years of age. Cattle fattening period is 4.5 months in rural areas of Bangladesh. For fattening, habitat and feeding are important. Feeding of urea treated rice straw with to the cattle shows better utilization of roughages as well as rapid live weight gain. Anthelmintics were supplied during this period for better metabolism of drugs. The experiment proved that treatment of rice straw with urea-molasses increase the protein, energy as well as palatability and tenderness of rice straw which subsequently increase the intake as well as growth of the animals. Butaphosphan and cyanocobalamine (Catophos-inj.) can be an important adjunct in hastening recovery and minimizing the effects of nutrient deficiencies related to poor feed intake.

Keywords: Beef fattening, Anthelmintics, Catophos

Chapter 1

Introduction

Beef fattening is the intensified feeding of cattle to obtain the greatest quantity of high quality meat (**shmakov et al., 1969**). It can increase the income of the farmer. It can also compensate the deficiency of protein of the cattle which promote weight gain. In cattle raising several types of fattening are used to obtain dietetic veal, regular veal, baby beef, and beef (**shmakov et al., 1969**). Like other agro-based developing countries Bangladesh also has to depend mainly on agriculture. About 80% people dependent on agriculture. Livestock play a great role in this agriculture dependent country (**FAO, 1998**). The livestock sector contributes 3 percent to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) (**BBS, 1989**). Feeds and strategy of feeding are the important factors for livestock development. The feeding practice of livestock of Bangladesh is very much traditional and conventional (**Tareque, 1991**).

The cattle population Bangladesh very commonly suffers in malnutrition as well as beef fattening we need energetic diet. Cattle need minimum of 16% CP (crude protein) in their ration for their optimum growth, production and reproduction (**NRC, 1990**). But through the conventional feeds and feeding systems they get a very lower amount of CP (**Khalek et al., 2004**). The true protein (TP) feeds are very much expensive and so farmers can't offer their livestock the high protein source feeds. On the other hand urea is a NPN (non-protein nitrogen) substance which provides 16% CP to the ruminant animals. So incorporation of urea into the ruminant diet along with a higher carbohydrate (CHO) source can provide adequate protein as well as energy requirement of the ruminants which subsequently positively affect the growth, production, and reproduction of the ruminants (**Mathur and Sharma, 1985**) such type of material can be used as beef fattening.

Green grass from arable and non-arable land and some concentrates are also available at a sub-normal amount. Due to inadequate production of green grasses, rice straw has become the major feed resource for the livestock production of Bangladesh (**Molla et al., 2009**). To overcome this shortage of feed and to provide adequate nutrition to the existing animals the conventional rice straw can be fed to the animal by somewhat modern feeding system. Modifying or treating this rice straw by

other feed supplements like is an effective program for local cattle development. One of these processes is urea treatment of the straw. It is very much effective in cattle growth and also fattening. Cattle fattening for beef production has become an important business of the small farmers in Bangladesh (DLS, 2000). The Department of Livestock Services (DLS) has taken beef fattening as an action program to generate income for the rural poor farmers. There is little information available on cattle fattening by the rural farmers (Hossain, 1986). However worked on management system of cattle regarding feeding, housing, disease prevention and marketing in the Comilla district. (Hossain *et al.*, 1996) conducted a study on beef fattening in the Manikganj district. They all trialed on beef fattening by urea feeding.

In Raozan upozila, green grasses are very much available. So people using green grass very much. By using Concentrate they can enhance growth very much. This study promotes them to use sufficient concentrate in feed.

Stress causes cortisol to be released into the bloodstream, which can impair the immune response, cause loss of appetite, increase susceptibility to disease and reduce growth rate. Butaphosphan can be an important adjunct in hastening recovery and minimizing the effects of nutrient deficiencies related to poor feed intake.

As indicated earlier the information related to cattle fattening in Bangladesh is very sporadic. Detailed study is needed covering different districts of Bangladesh to recommend cattle fattening programs for the rural poor farmers as an income generating activity. Therefore, the present study was undertaken to investigate the following objectives of beef fattening at Raozan upazilla.

OBJECTIVES:

The objectives of the study are:

- To evaluate the effect of feed and metabolic drugs on beef fattening.
- To evaluate the cost effective methods of beef fattening.

Chapter 2

Methods & Materials

2.1. Placement + Duration of the study

The study was carried out at Raozan upazila, Chittogram district for a period of 8 weeks from October 2019 to December 2019.

2.2. Selection of animal for beef fattening

Nine healthy indigenous young calves of almost 1.5 to 2.5 years of age (average body weight of 64 kg) were selected from the backyard system inhabiting under of Bangladesh. The character of selected animal are presented in table-1

Table-1: Age, Body weight and Id. number of group of animal

Group of animal	Id number	Age(years)	Body weight(kg)
A	A₁	1.9	61.2
	A₂	1.8	54
	A₃	1.8	57
B	B₁	1.5	58
	B₂	2.2	69
	B₃	1.8	63
C	C₁	2.6	74
	C₂	2	64
	C₃	1.9	68

2.3 Anthelmintics: Prior to fattening in each animal with Endex (novertis)

1bolas@41-70kg body wt. sufficient amount of water was supplied during this period for better metabolism of drugs.

2.4: Experimental design and different treatment

In the present study following three types of diets and injection are offered to three different groups.

Group	Feed items
G-A	Urea, rice straw, green grass, concentrate mixture
G-B	Urea molasses straw with kitchen by products, green grass, rice polish with metabolic injection
G-C	Rice straw , green grass, concentrate mixture , metabolic injection

Animals of group-A were supplied with urea, rice straw, green grass, concentrate mixture. Animals of group-B were supplied with urea molasses straw with kitchen by product, green grass, 250 gm rice polish with metabolic injection. Animals of group-C were supplied with rice straw, green grass, concentrate mixture and metabolic drug

The ingredients composition and nutritive value of the experimental diet-B are shown in the table-2

Table 2: Ingredient composition and nutritive values of the experimental diets and injection

Particulars	Dietary group A (gm/ day)	Dietary group B (gm/day)	Dietary group C (gm/ day)
Rice straw	3550 gm	2000 gm	3550 gm
Green grass	Adlibitum	Adlibitum	Adlibitum
Kitchen waste	0 gm	1000 gm	0 gm
Rice polish	0 gm	250gm	0 gm
Urea	20gm	20gm	0 gm
Molasses	0 gm	300gm	0 gm
Salt	3 gm	3 gm	3 gm
Catophos (inj.)	0 gm	.57 gm	.57 gm
Total	3573gm	3573gm	3553gm
Nutritive value (calculated)			
DM%	71.7%	71.7%	69%
CP%	7%	7%	4.6%
DCP%	2.3%	2.3%	2.3%
TDN%	45.5%	45.5%	45.5%

2.5: Methods of feeding

Firstly, all the ingredients were measured using manual balance and then the 20 gm urea was mixed with 4 liter of water and finally the molasses mixed homogenously. Then the urea-molasses solution was sprinkled over the rice straw. During sprinkling the rice straw was stirred for several times. The prepared treated straw stored with polythene and fed to the animals to a special bamboo made feeder. The prepared treated straw was fed to the animals at first week @ 1 kg treated straw + 1 kg untreated straw and then the

following weeks @ 2 kg treated straw to each animal. The rice polish and salt measured every day and fed to each animals by mixing with water twice a day (at morning and afternoon). The residue of treated rice straw of previous day was mixed with the treated rice straw of the next day. Green grass offered adlibitum. Urea treated straw supplied to the group A and group B.

In case of diet-C, the rice straw was offered untreated and concentrated mixture was offered excluding urea. Everyday 3.5 kg rice straw was measured and offered to each animal. The residue of the rice straw of the previous day was offered by mixing with the next day diet. Green grass offered adlibitum. The 3 gm salt with straw which offered twice daily at morning and at afternoon. Catophos (ing.) is given intramuscularly. The chemical composition of the supplied ingredients is given in the following table.

Table-3: Chemical composition of the ingredients supplied

Ingredients	DM %	CP %	DCP%	TDN%
Rice straw	88	2.4	0	41.62
Green grass	30	9.36	5.13	58.43
Rice polish	91.8	12.2	6.76	64.4
Urea				
Molasses	73.6	3		

Source: (Banerjee, 1998)

2.6: Body weight measurement

At the beginning of the experiment the animals were weighted at morning before offering any types of feed by using Shaeffer's formula and the measurement was continued throughout the experiment at morning once weekly.

$$\text{Body weight} = (L \times G^2) / 300 = \text{Weight (lb)}$$

Here,

L= Length of the body starting from point of the shoulder to the point of buttock in inch.

G=Heart girth in inch

By dividing with 2.2 to get the reading in kg. (G.C. Banerjee, 1998).

2.7 Statistical analysis

The obtained information was imported, stored and coded accordingly using Microsoft Excell-2007 to STATA/IC-11.0 (Stata corporation college station) for analysis. The results were expressed in body weight gain with P-value for Chi-square test. Significances was determined when $P < 0.05$.

Chapter 3

Results

3.1: Dry matter intake

Dry matter intakes of the experimental animals are shown in **Figure-1**. It can be seen from the tables that total dry matter intake in dietary group-A and dietary group-B animals were similar and slightly higher than that of the dietary group-C animals. However the difference, is not significant ($p>0.05$). The DM intake of the experimental animals group A and B are similar and it may due to affinity of the animals towards the urea-molasses treated straw and urea-molasses supplemented concentrations. Green grass intake was also similar in the animals of each group. Since the animals were given fixed quantity of rice straw the response on straw intake was not noticed. Rice straw was deficient in nitrogen, energy, and minerals and cannot support maintenance or production unless supplemented with deficient nutrients required for microbial growth in the rumen as well as by the animal (Preston and Leng, 1984).

(Campling *et al.*, 1962) have reported that when urea infused continuously in the rumen of cattle (150gm/day), straw consumption. It appears that such supplementation speed up the rate of fermentation of straw due to increased microbial activity in the rumen through microbial proliferation but this did not alter the extent of fermentation on terms of unit amount of ingested straw (M Shahjalal et al,2009).

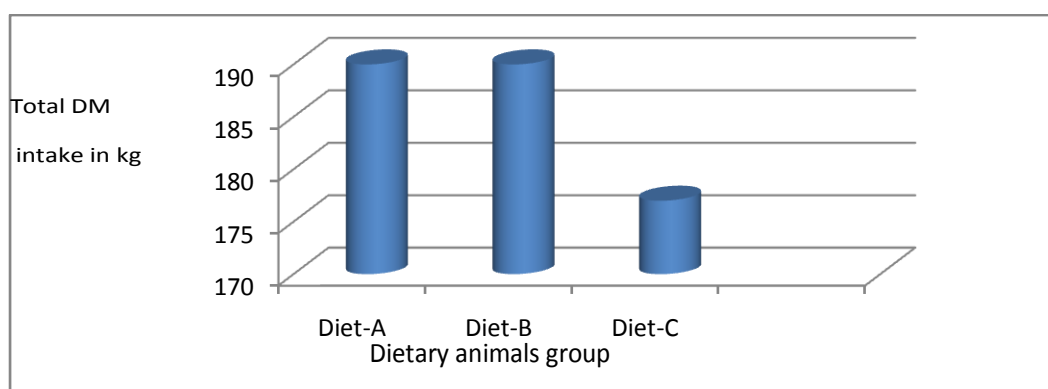


Fig. 1: Total DM intake of experimental animals

The effect on live weight gain and feed efficiency of different experimental diets are shown in Table 4

Table 4: Effect on live weight gain and feed efficiency of different experimental diets

Particulars	Animal Group			Level of significance
	Dietary animals group A	Dietary animals group B	Dietary animals group C	
Initial body wt.(kg)	57.6 ± 7.68	63.5 ± 7.68	69 ± 7.68	NS
Final body wt(kg)	58.55 ± 7.8	64.6 ± 7.8	67.65 ± 7.8	NS
DM intake(kg)	191 ± 9.00	191 ± 9.00	178 ± 9.00	NS
Gain in body wt(kg)	2.6 ± 0.13	4.15 ± 0.13	3.05 ± 0.13	*
Feed conversion Efficiency(kg Feed/live wt. Gain)	102.9 ± 1.44	64.15 ± 1.44	87.65 ± 1.44	*

3.2: Weight gain:

The author had measured the body weight of animals by Shaeffer's formula. From the table-4, it is seen that the body weight gain of the experimental group-B is the with urea and butaphosphan has positive effect on the live weight gain of the animals. Statistical analysis showed that gains in animals receiving diet-A and C were significantly lower than those receiving diet-B. The reason for lower live weight gain in group-A and C animals is might be due to the type of the experimental diets (without urea in diet-C and without butaphosphan(ing) by urea in diet-A) which has been reported by (Sadullah and Haque, 1981) and might due to higher digestible energy intake by group-B animals, (Jayasuriya, 1981.)

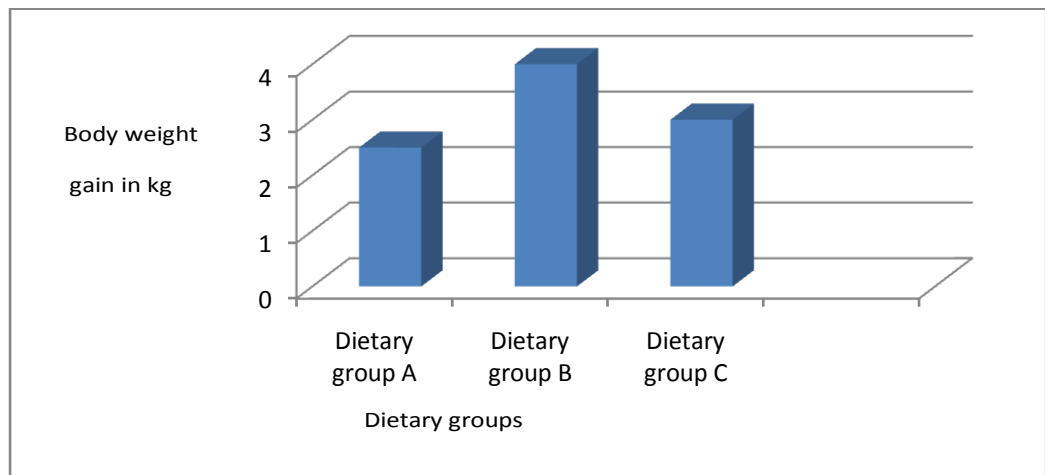


Fig. 2: Comparison of body weight gain (kg) of the different experimental animals.

3.3: FCR analysis

The FCR of the experimental animals group was determined by dividing the kg body weight gained to the kg feed intake and it was found that the FCR is significantly lower in experimental animal's group-B than the group-A and C. So it can say that urea-molasses treated straw is more suitable, preferable and economic than the urea-molasses supplementation or the untreated rice straw diets which is also reported by (Khandaker and Reza., 1993).

3.3 Observation of the animal

Table 5: Comparison of body weight gain in different animal

Animal ID NO	Initial Body weight	Animals body weight (Kg)							
		1 st week	2 nd week	3 rd week	4th week	5th week	6 th week	7th week	8th week
A1	61.2	61	61.2	61.2	61.4	61.6	61.5	61.5	61.8
A2	54	54	54.1	54.2	54.4	54.5	54.5	54.6	54.9
A3	57	57	57.1	57.2	57.4	57.5	57.5	57.6	57.9
B1	58	58	58.2	58.5	58.8	58.8	58.9	59	60
B2	69	68	68.3	68.4	68.5	68.4	68.5	68.7	69
B3	63	63	63.3	63.4	63.5	63.4	63.5	63.7	64
C1	74	74	74	73	73.2	73.1	73.1	73	73
C2	64	63	63	62	62.1	62	62	62.1	62
C3	68	67	67	66	66.1	66	66	66.1	66

Chapter 4

Discussions

Cattle shows better utilization of roughages as well as rapid live weight gain rather than urea supplemented or urea untreated rice straw diet. As ours is a poor country and we cannot offer good quality roughage to our cattle most of them are malnourished and emaciated. Again the rice straw is harder than other dry roughages and requires more energy to digest it. So in comparison to other forages rice straw shows minimum growth of animals. The experiment proved that treatment of rice straw with urea-molasses increase the protein, energy as well as palatability and tenderness of rice straw which subsequently increase the intake as well as growth of the animals. Butaphosphan and cyanocobalamine (Catophos-inj.) can be an important adjunct in hastening recovery and minimizing the effects of nutrient deficiencies related to poor feed intake. The other method having urea supplementation with concentrate mixture not shows a marked positive effect on the feed intake as well as the growth of the animals. So in Bangladesh the farmers both at backyard and farm level can fed the urea treated rice straw and can inject metabolic injection to the cattle. As it requires least cost, labour and time provides with better result. Therefore it might be applicable throughout the country.

Chapter 5

Problem & Recommendation

Problems:

1. High Cost of Concentrate feed.
2. Lack of Knowledge among the farmers
3. Lack of modern farming facility
4. 2 month time is not enough to get all necessary information
5. Low price of cattle due to illegal Indian Cattle introduced in the market

Recommendations

1. Government can provide subsidy to the farmers who are interested in those types of beef fattening process.
2. Law should be enforced.
3. Feed price should be reduced
4. Field veterinary service must be available to the farmers.
5. As green grass is an important element of beef fattening and it is available in Hilly area like Bandarban; so government can take initiatives to improve the economical condition of hilly area through beef fattening.

Chapter 6

Limitation of the study

There were some limitations in my study. The study period was limited and study area was restricted to a particular district. The sample size was small. Treatment variation was limited.

Conclusion

The farmers of our country yet unaware of it and who know about it they also afraid of applying this feeding method (due to sometimes change of urea toxicity).If the feeding method can be followed scientifically it will improve the health of the animals as well as the farmers condition. The farmers of our country should feed their animals urea treated straw with butaphosphan intramuscularly instead of untreated rice straw.

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My Goal

As a human being, I have a long cherished dream to serve my nation through my knowledge, creativity and profession. As a veterinarian, I think I have a great opportunity to fulfill my dream by developing my career in the field as a veterinary practitioner. By dealing as a veterinary surgeon, I would be able to expand and spread my knowledge also.

I have also a high interest in Medical Research, Wildlife Conservation and Eco health approach.