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PSXIV-22 Impact of fibrolytic enzymes on performance, metabolism, and feeding behavior of feedlot cattle fed diets containing different levels and sources of roughage

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Abstract

Two experiments were conducted to evaluate finishing performance, carcass characteristics, total tract diet digestibility, ruminal parameters, and feeding behavior of bulls fed high-concentrate feedlot diets containing two sources and two levels of roughage, with or without exogenous fibrolytic enzyme (EFE). For the performance study, 264 Nellore bulls (371 ± 18.7 kg) were distributed in 48 pens by initial body weight in a randomized complete block design with a $2 \times 2 \times 2$ factorial treatment arrangement. Diets contained (dry matter basis) 0 or 0.75 mL/kg of EFE (ABVista, Marlborough, UK); and 8.5 or 12.5% either sugarcane bagasse (SCB) or grass hay (GH). Dry matter intake was greater for bulls fed 12.5% roughage ($P < 0.01$) and for treatments fed GH ($P = 0.01$), but gain:feed was greater with 8.5% roughage ($P < 0.01$) and tended to be greater for SCB ($P = 0.07$). Observed net energy concentrations were greater for 8.5% roughage ($P < 0.01$) and for SCB ($P = 0.04$). For the metabolism study, 8 ruminally cannulated Nellore steers (396 ± 1.4 kg) were assigned to 2 simultaneous 4×4 Latin Squares. Digestibility of crude protein was greater for steers fed 8.5% roughage compared to those fed 12.5% ($P = 0.01$), and supplementing EFE tended to increase digestibility of acid detergent fiber ($P = 0.10$). Volatile fatty acid concentration was lower ($P = 0.04$) and intake time tended to be

greater ($P = 0.07$) with 12.5% dietary roughage compared to 8.5%. Supplementing EFE to feedlot cattle fed diets containing either SCB or GH, and either 8.5 or 12.5% roughage yielded no improvements in animal performance, but led to minor changes in digestibility and ruminal parameters.

Table 1.

Item ¹	Treatment ²								SEM	P-value						
	B 8.5 Con	B 8.5 Enz	B 12.5 Con	B 12.5 Enz	H 8.5 Con	H 8.5 Enz	H 12.5 Con	H 12.5 Enz		Level	Source	Enzyme	L*S	L*E	S*E	L*S*E
Feedlot performance																
Initial BW, kg	371	371	371	371	372	370	371	371	18.72	0.68	0.50	0.14	0.89	0.89	0.22	0.14
Final BW, kg	535	533	542	541	543	535	537	534	20.19	0.53	0.98	0.25	0.07	0.66	0.56	0.73
DML, kg	9.91	9.68	10.51	10.66	10.30	10.28	10.80	10.62	0.28	<0.001	0.01	0.57	0.13	0.65	0.79	0.26
ADG, kg	1.726	1.700	1.799	1.789	1.806	1.742	1.748	1.721	0.05	0.52	0.97	0.33	0.07	0.69	0.67	0.87
G:F	0.175	0.176	0.172	0.168	0.176	0.170	0.162	0.163	0.005	0.005	0.07	0.46	0.39	0.87	0.84	0.35
Carcass characteristics																
HCW, kg	308	307	313	307	312	307	307	309	11.56	0.75	1.00	0.28	0.27	0.94	0.62	0.17
Dressing percentage	57.52	57.62	57.81	56.85	57.39	57.43	57.21	57.85	0.38	0.81	0.93	0.85	0.47	0.64	0.13	0.10
LMA, cm ²	63.77	63.84	63.04	63.54	64.20	64.80	61.92	65.16	1.69	0.53	0.69	0.35	0.85	0.52	0.49	0.64
BFT, mm	3.55	3.69	3.96	3.74	4.04	3.74	3.75	4.04	0.24	0.43	0.28	0.88	0.46	0.71	0.89	0.11

¹ Vista PreT; ABVista, Marlborough, Wiltshire, United Kingdom.

² B = sugarcane bagasse; H = grass hay; 8.5 = 8.5% of roughage inclusion; 12.5 = 12.5% of roughage inclusion; Con = control (no fibrolytic enzyme addition); Enz = addition of fibrolytic enzyme.

³ BW = body weight; DMI = dry matter intake; ADG = average daily gain; G:F = feed efficiency; HCW = hot carcass weight; LMA = Longissimus muscle area; BFT = back fat thickness.

Table 2.

Item ¹	Treatment ²								SEM	P-value						
	B 8.5 Con	B 8.5 Enz	B 12.5 Con	B 12.5 Enz	H 8.5 Con	H 8.5 Enz	H 12.5 Con	H 12.5 Enz		Level	Source	Enzyme	L*S	L*E	S*E	L*S*E
Observed NE ³ , Mcal/kg																
Maintenance	2.08	2.09	2.03	2.00	2.07	2.02	1.95	1.95	0.04	0.001	0.04	0.50	0.54	0.93	0.84	0.27
Gain	1.41	1.42	1.37	1.34	1.41	1.36	1.30	1.30	0.04	0.001	0.04	0.50	0.54	0.93	0.84	0.27
Observed:expected NE ³ ratio																
Maintenance	1.12	1.13	1.13	1.11	1.09	1.06	1.05	1.05	0.02	0.34	<0.001	0.52	0.36	0.95	0.80	0.26
Gain	1.15	1.17	1.18	1.15	1.12	1.08	1.06	1.07	0.03	0.44	<0.001	0.52	0.21	0.96	0.80	0.26

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³ NE = net energy.

⁴ Calculated according to Zinn and Shen (1998).

⁵ The expected net energy for maintenance and for gain were estimated with the equations proposed by NASCEM (2016) with addition of ionophore from the sum of TDN values from each ingredient calculated using NRC (2001) according to the equations described by Weiss et al. (1992).

Table 3.

Item ¹	Treatment ²								SEM	P-value						
	B 8.5 Con	B 8.5 Enz	B 12.5 Con	B 12.5 Enz	H 8.5 Con	H 8.5 Enz	H 12.5 Con	H 12.5 Enz		Level	Source	Enzyme	L*S	L*E	S*E	L*S*E
Initial BW, kg	399	398	403	398	395	392	390	396	1.36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DMI, kg	7.80	7.16	7.71	7.28	8.34	8.09	8.56	8.08	0.71	0.86	0.37	0.18	0.89	0.99	0.80	0.73
Fecal excretion, kg	2.39	2.12	2.45	2.28	2.68	2.39	2.90	2.41	0.29	0.15	0.47	<.001	0.94	0.77	0.27	0.34
Apparent digestibility																
DM, %	69.76	70.82	68.29	68.67	68.59	71.79	66.19	70.66	2.46	0.20	0.98	0.11	0.98	0.91	0.25	0.71
NDF, %	67.78	68.43	62.95	66.15	64.21	71.32	62.72	64.92	4.12	0.13	0.90	0.18	0.93	0.80	0.56	0.43
ADF, %	73.86	72.36	64.94	68.97	67.94	76.77	67.18	66.04	5.49	0.10	0.92	0.46	0.95	0.74	0.70	0.26
CP, %	61.79	60.87	58.22	58.30	60.89	63.26	54.58	58.86	2.68	0.01	0.89	0.32	0.43	0.61	0.20	0.87

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³ DM = dry matter; NDF = neutral detergent fiber; ADF = acid detergent fiber; CP = crude protein.

Table 4.

Item ¹	Treatment ²								SEM	P-value						
	B 8.5 Con	B 8.5 Enz	B 12.5 Con	B 12.5 Enz	H 8.5 Con	H 8.5 Enz	H 12.5 Con	H 12.5 Enz		Level	Source	Enzyme	L*S	L*E	S*E	L*S*E
Ruminal pH	6.19	6.11	6.35	6.30	6.04	6.06	6.00	6.13	0.14	0.14	0.26	0.91	0.25	0.59	0.30	0.78
Total VFA, mmol/mL	81.15	90.25	79.55	75.25	96.66	91.07	92.22	85.04	7.72	0.04	0.30	0.55	0.64	0.26	0.19	0.37
VFA, mol/100mol																
Acetate	59.72	58.68	62.02	60.15	54.66	59.43	59.46	60.67	2.47	0.11	0.49	0.61	0.71	0.47	0.15	0.65
Propionate	25.00	24.95	24.90	25.40	30.55	24.30	25.76	22.56	2.92	0.30	0.82	0.13	0.25	0.55	0.10	0.67
Butyrate	10.37	10.08	8.82	9.80	10.49	11.66	10.59	11.51	1.34	0.56	0.31	0.40	0.59	0.75	0.67	0.64
Isobutyrate	1.07	0.99	1.07	1.13	0.84	0.90	0.76	1.00	0.09	0.44	0.06	0.17	0.59	0.14	0.12	0.87
Isovalerate	2.43	3.58	1.99	2.22	1.70	2.16	1.66	2.71	0.44	0.15	0.31	0.001	0.01	0.70	0.87	0.09
Valerate	1.42	1.71	1.20	1.33	1.77	1.54	1.76	1.55	0.27	0.29	0.42	0.98	0.27	0.78	0.12	0.74
Acetate:propionate ratio	2.47	2.49	2.61	2.49	2.16	2.60	2.60	2.81	0.34	0.20	0.94	0.37	0.40	0.56	0.22	0.89
Ruminal NH ₃ -N, mg/dL	11.62	12.89	10.87	11.41	16.30	18.20	15.70	17.45	1.95	0.45	0.005	0.25	0.85	0.85	0.70	0.90

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Item ¹	Treatment ²								SEM	P-value						
	B 8.5 Con	B 8.5 Enz	B 12.5 Con	B 12.5 Enz	H 8.5 Con	H 8.5 Enz	H 12.5 Con	H 12.5 Enz		Level	Source	Enzyme	L*S	L*E	S*E	L*S*E
Intake time	183.75	170.00	193.75	186.25	192.50	208.75	220.00	223.75	15.80	0.07	0.12	0.97	0.64	0.86	0.25	0.59
Chewing time	545.00	438.75	531.25	556.25	521.25	520.00	515.00	537.50	40.52	0.22	0.90	0.51	0.31	0.10	0.27	0.25
Ruminating time	361.25	268.75	337.50	370.00	328.75	311.25	295.00	313.75	37.96	0.51	0.63	0.41	0.14	0.04	0.39	0.22
Resting time	895.00	1001.25	908.75	883.75	918.75	920.00	918.75	902.50	40.67	0.19	0.87	0.47	0.35	0.12	0.30	0.22

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