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## Effect of Yucca Schidigera Addition to Ducks Diet on Productive Characteristics and Economical Evaluation Through Summer Conditions

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### ABSTRACT

The current research assessed for dietary desiccated Yucca Schidigera (YS) addition effects on ducks productivity features as well as economical evaluation at summer time. Used 300 Domyati ducks, 26-weeks-old (240 females and 60 drakes), that split to egalitarian three empirical groups at random in a completely randomized design. The first one was considered as control and consumed the basal diet; while the second and third empirical groups were consumed the basal diet after adding 150 and 300 mg YS/kg respectively, through 26-37 weeks of age. The results summarized that, ducks fed on both YS levels had superior ( $p < 0.001$ ) values of egg number and mass, and feed conversion ratio as well as low feed consumed amount compared with those fed the basal diet without any addition through the entire tested period. Spermatozoa concentration and live spermatozoa (%) were ( $p < 0.001$ ) elevated for drakes fed on 300 mg YS/kg diet, in addition to lower dead sperms (%) than those fed the basal diet. Females fed diet added with YS produced eggs that ( $p < 0.001$ ) higher in hatching features compared to the control. Adding YS to ducks diet caused a greater haemoglobin, RBC, Serum total cholesterol, liver ALT and AST enzymes and MDA were significantly attenuated by dietary 300 mg YS/kg. Conclusively, adding 300 mg YS / kg diet produced an advantageous effects of ducks productivity characteristics as well as economical evaluation through summer conditions.

**Keywords:** ducks, hatching traits, egg production, semen quality, Yucca Schidigera

### INTRODUCTION

Proceeded antibiotics uses in modern poultry industry could to increment disease resistance, however preventing, restricting or decreasing their uses might induced to undesirable changes, particularly on conversion efficiency (Awad *et al.*, 2021). Increased consumer attention with health problems, as well as craving to restrict or forestall antibiotics uses for their adverse consequence, the insiders in poultry industry are compelled for look a nature replacements proverb phytogetic feed additives so as to help the challenge of poultry diseases in their farms. Phytogetic materials getting prominence currently in poultry farming in addition to health alertness schemes established on their broader useful functions as advancing productivity, immune improving properties, and maintaining life (Dhama *et al.*, 2015; Hassan *et al.*, 2016).

Yucca Schidigera is gorgeous in the biological steroid saponins that add profitable worth. It deems a greatly pharmaceutical benefits for their saponins and polyphenols content (Patel, 2012). *Yucca Schidigera* is consumed as a biological supplement, flavor enhancer for livestock feed industry (Sahoo *et al.*, 2015). It's a biological and defensive effects like boosting poultry immune obligations owing to motivating particular cytokines levels (Bhardwaj *et al.*, 2014), antioxidant characteristics, anti-bacterial and stimulating activities of health (Ashour *et al.*, 2014). Also, using YS could be diminish  $\text{NH}_3$  concentration in farms that reflect improving the poultry productivity (Ayasan *et al.*, 2005). Ducks are kept under intense farming in greatly occupied herds to achieve huge intensities of economic value as it is one of the

tremendously successful and rapid generating business that provides great protein (Farghly *et al.*, 2017; Awad *et al.*, 2021). Thus, the chief purposes of the contemporary investigation were to assess the impact of dietary dried YS addition on ducks productivity, hatching measurements and blood parameters at summer time.

### MATERIALS AND METHODS

The contemporary investigation was executed at El-Serw water fowl investigation location, animal production research institute, ministry of agric., Egypt. Used 240 females and 60 drakes of Domyati ducks (Egyptian original breed), 26-weeks-old and were remained for 12 weeks, balanced (body weight;  $1750 \pm 15.2\text{g}$  for females and  $2750.0 \pm 40.5\text{g}$  for drakes) and accidentally distributed on 3 tentative groups, (rate of lay; 25%), in an entirely randomized plan. Every group had of 100 birds (80 females and 20 drakes) and ensured 5 repeats (16 females and 4 drakes; 5 replicates/group). All groups were exposed to 16 L:8 D light plan with  $10\text{-}20 \text{ lux/m}^2$ . Feeds, mash form, and clean water were reachable. Dried YS powder was added to the basal diet with 0, 150 and 300 mg/ kg diet. The basal diet constituents and structure are demonstrated in Table 1.

Rates of surrounding temperature and proportional humidity were recorded through each studied interval, then temperature-humidity index (THI) was computed. Temperature-humidity index was calculated as shown by Marai *et al.* (2001) as follows:  $\text{THI} = \text{db } C^\circ - \{ (0.31 - 0.31 \text{ PH}) (\text{db } C^\circ - 14) \}$ , where db  $C^\circ$  = dry bulb temperature and PH = proportional humidity %.

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Both egg number and feed consumption were monitored, whereas egg mass was evaluated for each repeat then averaged per duck at 26-29, 30-33, 34-37 and 26-37 wks of age. Feed efficiency (g feed/ g eggs) was evaluated during the same times.

Five drakes per each group were taken and trained for semen collection according to Kammer *et al.* (1972). Semen was mustered each week (at immediate sunrise) through the examined time, and then semen size was verified (in milliliter) by exploiting characterized mustering elastic pipes. Advanced motility was judged clearly once semen mustering. Spermatozoa concentration was assessed by running a haemocytometer. Dead, total abnormalities, and live of spermatozoa's were judged according to Bakst and Cecil (1997).

Hatching eggs collected for 10 sequential days throughout each studied period and reserved in a cool moist zone during collection, then put in the 'Econom' incubator for hatching. Infertile eggs and early dead embryos were removed and counted at the 10<sup>th</sup> day of incubation. Subsequently, hatched chicks and late dead embryos (un-hatched eggs) were computed at the end of hatch, then, hatchability and embryonic mortality proportions were appraised. After hatch, ducklings per each group were kept up to 21 day-old and fed starter diet (Table 1) without YS addition to appreciate YS dietary addition to breeder ducks diet on posterior duckling's growth parameters.

At 35 wks-old, blood samples were collected from the wing vein in pipes containing EDTA as anticoagulant from 7 randomly ducks per group to confirm hematologic parameters, hemoglobin, RBC and WBC cells, while neutrophils (N) and lymphocytes (L) were determined in blood stains to evaluate N/L ratio. Also, at 37 weeks-old, another blood samples were gotten from 7 ducks per group without anticoagulant and reserved at normal room temperature for 1 h to coagulate. Pipes were centrifuged at 3000 rpm for 15 minutes to detach clear serum, and afterward serum total protein, albumin, triglycerides, total cholesterol, HDL, liver enzymes ALT and AST, blood GSH and MDA level were estimated using commercial kits.

Economically parameters were calculated (Roland *et*

*al.*, 1998) at the whole period using feed ingredients price, yucca powder price (600 LE/kg), egg sales (1.50 LE/ one egg) at the study time.

**Table 1. Composition and calculated analysis of the basal diet**

Ingredients %	Starting period	Laying period
	(from hatch up to 21 d-old)	(from 26 up 37 wks-old)
Yellow corn	66.08	65.05
Soya bean meal (44%)	30.20	25.95
Di-cal – phos.	01.53	01.61
Limestone	01.49	06.74
Vit and Min. premix <sup>1</sup>	00.30	00.30
NaCl	00.30	00.30
dl.methionine (97%)	00.10	00.05
Total	100	100
Calculated Analysis <sup>2</sup>		
CP, %	19.00	16.99
ME ( Kcal / kg )	2888	2757
Cal., %	1.00	3.00
Av. Pho., %	0.42	0.42
Price (LE/ kg)	5.242	4.857

<sup>1</sup>Each 3 kg of Vit. and Min. contained: 100 mill IU Vit A; 2 mill IU Vit.D<sub>3</sub>; 10 g Vit.E; 1 g Vit.K<sub>3</sub>; 1 g Vit B<sub>1</sub>; 5 g Vit B<sub>2</sub>; 10 mg Vit.B<sub>12</sub>; 1.5 g Vit B<sub>6</sub>; 30 g Niac.; 10 g Pant. acid; 1g Fol. acid; 50 mg Biot.; 300 g Cho. Chlo; 50 g Z.; 4 g Cop.; 0.3 g Iod.; 30 g Ir.; 0.1 g Sel.; 60g Man. ;0.1 g Cob.; and carrier CaCO<sub>3</sub> to 3000 g .

<sup>2</sup>NRC (1994).

Data gotten were assessed via the general linear pattern of SPSS (2008), like this:  $Y_{ik} = \mu + S_i + e_{ik}$  Where:  $Y_{ik}$ = performance,  $\mu$ = General average,  $S_i$ = impact of YS inclusion level,  $i$ = (1, 2, and 3), and  $e_{ik}$ = unplanned error. The meaningful alterations amid group's means were confirmed by Duncan's multiple range examination (Duncan, 1955).

**RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Data presented in Table 2 shows the THI during the various investigational phases. The calculations achieved are considered like this: < 27.8 = absence of overheat concern, 27.8 to < 28.9 = sensible overheat concern, 28.9 to < 30.0 = severe heat concern and 30.0 and further = more severe overheat concern.

**Table 2. Means and standard errors of internal ambient temperature (AT), proportional humidity (PH) and calculated temperature-humidity index (THI) at the empirical time**

empirical time, wks	AT (°C)		PH (%)		THI	
	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.
26- 29	36.4±0.3	26.8±0.4	60.3±1.6	37.5±1.5	33.7±0.2	23.8±0.4
30- 33	35.7±0.2	26.1±0.1	61.5±1.4	36.3±0.9	33.2±0.1	23.6±0.1
34- 37	32.2±1.1	24.8±0.6	53.5±1.5	31.5±0.6	29.7±0.9	22.6±0.4

**Productive performance:**

A significant ( $p < 0.001$ ) changes were showed in all studied laying traits except for FC at 16-2- and 30-33 wks-old as a result of YS addition (Table 3). Data displayed greater averages of EN and EM for groups fed YS diets than the control group. The superior EN and EM recorded for group fed 300 mg YS/kg when competed with 150 mg YS/ kg diet.

Enhancement of EN recorded was 12.18 and 15.74%, while EM was elevated by 15.59 and 18.71% for birds fed 150 and 300 mg YS/kg diet, respectively at entire empirical phase. Amelioration of YS groups could owing to the useful effects of YS contents like polyphenolic complexes (like resveratrol; which can defend ducks from infections due to its

antioxidant, antiviral and anti-inflammatory capabilities) and steroidal Saponins; which can motivate excretion of cytokines and activate inherent protection (Alagawany *et al.*, 2018; Su *et al.*, 2016). Also, YS preserves as a worthy antioxidant for ducks and its dietary incorporation increased the total antioxidant capacity (Gumus and Imik, 2016). Amelioration the number of egg producing could owing to the betterment digestion, sucking, and utilization of alimentary in the digestive duct of YS groups could owing to the useful effects of YS contents like polyphenolic complexes (Almuhanna *et al.*, 2011) due to saponins ammonia-inhabiting interest (Su *et al.*, 2016). Likewise, the enhancement in egg production performance may be linked to constructive impacts of steroid

Saponins appear in YS on nutrient captivation from the gastrointestinal area (Alagawany *et al.*, 2018). The complexes found in YS have antimicrobial, antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, anti-carcinogenic, antifungal and antiviral properties (Ashour *et al.*, 2014). The contemporary findings were supported by those of Kutlu *et al.* (2001) and Ayasan *et al.* (2005) who found that both egg production (%) and egg weight were enhanced by dietary YS addition for quails. Also, Wang and Kim (2011) stated that adding 120 mg YS extract/kg diet had helpful influences on egg mass and FCR. On the other wise, Chepete *et al.* (2012) stated adding YS by 50 up to 200 mg did not change egg performance of laying hens. Birds consumed diets supplemented with both YS levels recorded lower ( $p < 0.001$ ) feed consumption than those fed the basal diet without YS supplement through the entire empirical phase (Table 3).

**Table 3. Egg number and mass, feed consumption and feed conversion as affected by dietary YS addition to Domyati ducks through summer season.**

Age, weeks	YS, mg/kg diet			MSE	Probability
	0.0	150	300		
Egg number (duck/period)					
26 – 29	16.86 <sup>B</sup>	19.29 <sup>A</sup>	19.32 <sup>A</sup>	0.32	0.001
30 – 33	16.26 <sup>B</sup>	17.62 <sup>A</sup>	17.91 <sup>A</sup>	0.21	0.001
34 – 37	13.43 <sup>C</sup>	15.31 <sup>B</sup>	16.39 <sup>A</sup>	0.34	0.001
26 – 37	46.55 <sup>B</sup>	52.22 <sup>A</sup>	53.72 <sup>A</sup>	0.88	0.001
Egg mass, g (duck/period)					
26 – 29	1076.0 <sup>B</sup>	1278.7 <sup>A</sup>	1272.0 <sup>A</sup>	26.2	0.001
30 – 33	1029.0 <sup>B</sup>	1137.0 <sup>A</sup>	1155.2 <sup>A</sup>	16.5	0.001
34 – 37	901.8 <sup>C</sup>	1059.8 <sup>B</sup>	1142.3 <sup>A</sup>	28.2	0.001
26 – 37	3006.8 <sup>B</sup>	3475.5 <sup>A</sup>	3569.5 <sup>A</sup>	68.4	0.001
Feed consum., g (duck/period)					
26 – 29	4241.7	4147.1	4188.1	20.4	0.169
30 – 33	4339.1	4244.1	4205.1	47.6	0.090
34 – 37	4464.1 <sup>A</sup>	4314.3 <sup>B</sup>	4234.3 <sup>B</sup>	32.1	0.003
26 – 37	13044.9 <sup>A</sup>	12705.5 <sup>B</sup>	12627.5 <sup>B</sup>	84.4	0.012
Feed conver. ratio (g feed : g egg mass)					
26 – 29	3.94 <sup>A</sup>	3.26 <sup>B</sup>	3.30 <sup>B</sup>	0.088	0.001
30 – 33	4.31 <sup>A</sup>	3.74 <sup>B</sup>	3.65 <sup>B</sup>	0.092	0.001
34 – 37	4.95 <sup>A</sup>	4.07 <sup>B</sup>	3.74 <sup>C</sup>	0.142	0.001
26 – 37	4.34 <sup>A</sup>	3.65 <sup>B</sup>	3.54 <sup>B</sup>	0.100	0.001

A,B,C means in the same row having different letter (s) are significantly different at  $P \leq 0.05$ .

The diminished feed amount recorded 2.60 -3.20% for groups fed YS diet when compared with the control group through 26-37 wks old. The current results disagree with Kutlu *et al.* (2001) and Gurbuz *et al.* (2011) who stated, laying hens consumed diets comprising YS no alteration in FC. Whereas, birds consumed YS diets recorded best ( $p < 0.001$ ) feed efficiency compared to those fed basal diet without YS supplement through the entire empirical phase (Table 3). Feed conversion ratio was improved by 15.90 and 18.43% in birds fed 150 and 300 mg YS/kg diet, respectively during 26-37 wks old. The improvement in feed efficiency could related to the decrease feed consumption as well as beneficial YS effects in gastrointestinal conduct (Ashour *et al.*, 2014). Ayasan *et al.* (2005) found that adding YS to Japanese quail diet managed to enhance FCR. On contrary, Kaya *et al.* (2003) found that FCR didn't affected with adding YS to laying quail diets.

**Reproductive traits:**

The superior drake ejaculate size, spermatozoa's concentration, live spermatozoa's and advanced motility %

were recorded for group fed 300 mg YS/kg followed by 150 mg YS/ kg diet when competed with the control (Table 4).The enhancement in semen traits may related to YS, where it considered exporter of numerous types of biologically energetic items like steroidal saponins and stilbenes (Alagawany *et al.*, 2018) .Also, YS content from antioxidant could betterment semen quality (Miah *et al.*, 2004). Contemporaneous noticing are similar with Balazi *et al.* (2013) who explained, dietary YS inclusion boost sperms concentricity and motility. Chaudhary *et al.* (2019) found that, semen magnitude, motility and live enumeration sperms (%) were augmented, while dead spermatozoa number (%) was lowered by saponins. Generally, fertility is influenced by diverse issues for instance mating frequency, flocks age, laying rate and ecological conditions (Daikwo *et al.*, 2011). Supplementing YS as a naturalistic antioxidant could participate an imperative part for poultry propagation via continuing antioxidant resistances of the sperms and fetal tissues (Surai *et al.*, 2006).

**Table 4. Semen quality traits as affected by dietary YS addition to Domyati drakes through summer season.**

Traits	YS, mg/kg diet			MSE	Probability
	0.0	150	300		
Ejaculate size, ml	0.234 <sup>B</sup>	0.264 <sup>A</sup>	0.288 <sup>A</sup>	0.008	0.005
Spermatozoa's concentration x10 <sup>6</sup> / mm	2.004 <sup>B</sup>	2.629 <sup>A</sup>	2.907 <sup>A</sup>	0.120	0.001
Live spermatozoa's, %	85.60 <sup>B</sup>	86.15 <sup>B</sup>	90.16 <sup>A</sup>	0.79	0.022
Dead spermatozoa's, %	14.40 <sup>A</sup>	13.85 <sup>A</sup>	9.84 <sup>B</sup>	0.79	0.022
Spermatozoa's motility, %	72.39 <sup>C</sup>	76.30 <sup>B</sup>	80.08 <sup>A</sup>	0.99	0.001
Abnormal spermatozoa's, %	13.84 <sup>A</sup>	13.28 <sup>A</sup>	10.03 <sup>B</sup>	0.51	0.001

A,B,C : means in the same row having different letter (s) are significantly different at  $P < 0.05$ .

All studied hatching traits of fertile eggs were influenced owing to dietary YS addition (Table 5). Eggs produced from females consumed diet incorporated with both 150 and 300 mg YS/kg exhibited the greatest hatching measurements and the least dead embryos proportions.

**Table 5. Hatching traits as affected by dietary Yucca Schidigera (YS) addition to Domyati drakes through summer season.**

Traits, %	YS, mg/kg diet			MSE	Probability
	0.0	150	300		
Fertility	85.60 <sup>B</sup>	94.50 <sup>A</sup>	91.27 <sup>A</sup>	1.72	0.050
Hatchability of fertile eggs	70.53 <sup>B</sup>	78.81 <sup>A</sup>	81.04 <sup>A</sup>	1.88	0.021
Early embryonic mortality	8.23	6.60	6.01	0.51	0.181
Late embryonic mortality	21.24 <sup>A</sup>	14.59 <sup>B</sup>	12.96 <sup>B</sup>	1.52	0.029
Total embryonic mortality	29.47 <sup>A</sup>	21.19 <sup>B</sup>	18.96 <sup>B</sup>	1.88	0.021

A,B,C : means in the same row having different letter (s) are significantly different at  $P < 0.05$ .

Actually, there are two expectations for increasing fertility and hatchability, the first , decreasing atmospheric NH3 which reflect increasing egg production with improving internal quality like egg albumen goodness which are powerfully linked to hatchability outcomes, whilst the 2<sup>nd</sup> hypothesis could owing to semen property amelioration that advantageous linked with cocks fecundity then subsequently eggs hatchability (Enaiat *et al.*, 2009). These observations are analogous with those of Chaudhary *et al.* (2019) who explained that hatching parameters of fertile eggs ameliorated by saponins addition, while embryonic death was attenuated. However, YS addition with 120 mg/kg diet did not change hatchability of fertile eggs in quails (Ayasan, 2013).

**Subsequent growth traits for hatched ducklings:**

All studied parameters for hatched ducklings were not ( $P < 0.05$ ) varied except of duckling's feed consumption and feed conversion due to YS addition to ducks diet (Table 6). Feed consumption was ( $P < 0.005$ ) attenuated for hatched ducklings by adding 150 or 300 mg YS/kg to breeder ducks diet, moreover, FCR for ducklings was get better by YS addition to laying ducks diet. Our findings explained that feeding YS through laying period, resulted in a cumulative YS components like saponins and phenols in egg. *Yucca schidigera* addition may affect energy breakdown across altering hormone excretions and reducing energy composites in the animal (Kucukkurt and Dundar 2013). These noting's are similar with reports explained that dietary YS inclusion could yield hopeful outcomes for BW (Sahoo et al., 2015), FC and FCR (Wang and Kim, 2011; Ayasan, 2013).

**Table 6. Some productive measurements for hatched ducklings from eggs produced from laying ducks fed YS in their diet**

Traits	YS, mg/kg diet			MSE	Probability
	0.0	150	300		
Duckling wt at hatch, g	46.45	47.44	47.58	0.26	0.151
Duckling wt at 21 d-old, g	727.27	760.70	751.01	6.99	0.130
BWG, g (0-21 d-old)	680.83	713.26	703.43	6.90	0.144
Feed consumption/one duckl.(0-21 d-old)	1231.50 <sup>A</sup>	1141.66 <sup>B</sup>	1113.74 <sup>B</sup>	17.47	0.005
Feed conver. ratio	1.810 <sup>A</sup>	1.602 <sup>B</sup>	1.583 <sup>B</sup>	0.033	0.001

A,B : means in the same row having different letter (s) are significantly different at  $P < 0.05$ .

**Blood constituents:**

Table 7 shows blood hematological and serum constituents for ducks fed dietary YS addition. Blood hemoglobin, red blood cells and lymphocytes cells (%) were ( $p < 0.001$ ) elevated, but neutrophils cells (%) and neutrophils / lymphocytes ratio recorded ( $p < 0.001$ ) minimized values for ducks fed YS diet when compared with the control. Blood metabolites were impacted ( $p < 0.001$ ) by YS addition except for total protein and triglycerides (Table 7). Albumin was ( $p < 0.001$ ) elevated by YS addition compared to control. Total cholesterol was lessened with YS addition. HDL-cholesterol was increased in YS groups as compared to the control one. Ducks ate diet included 300 mg YS diet exhibited the summit concentricity for HDL. AST and ALT activities were ( $p < 0.01$ ) weakened of birds fed the high YS level compared to control. Serum GSH value was ( $p < 0.01$ ) augmented for birds eat 300 mg YS diet, but MDA level was reduced ( $p < 0.001$ ) than the control.

Blood metabolites are usually linked to health status of an animal. These traits are good indicators of pathological, physiological and nutritional status the birds (Mahrose et al., 2016). Birds exposed to heat stress, induced oxidative harm which diminished the stimulation of L and constrain their multiplying, reduce macrophage movement and motility as well as lessen cytotoxicity and naturalistic destroyers (Farghly et al., 2018). YS may influence the immune response as evidenced by lymphocyte responses (Oelschlager et al., 2019). The positive effects of YS could owing to their biological antioxidant content like phenolic hydroxyl factions substance that depressing and constraining the creation of hydroxyl peroxide (Hashemipour et al., 2013).

Dietary inclusion of YS may progress the immune

scheme owing to the proliferation in immunoglobulin intensities of layers ate YS against to the control since it decreases blood ammonia-N which negatively affects health in birds (Ashour et al., 2014). Valuable outcomes for YS could accredited to its saponins content that influence intestines wall penetrability. These outcomes are in line with those of Alagawany et al. (2018) who explained that, dietary YS addition elevated serum protein and albumin. Lipid disruption might be accredited to the augmented biosynthesis and gathering of cholesterol in liver and/or decreased biliary job (Ashour et al., 2014). Our outcomes could related to YS saponins content that can change lipid digestion of birds, and can lessen hypercholesterolemia by diminishing it diffusion into mucous membrane cells (Milgate and Roberts, 1995). Also, saponins could lessen the cholesterol captivation and ease neuter sterols emission (Jenkins and Atwal, 1994), that lessening it absorption and hepatic substance. The current results showed that YS saponins attenuated serum cholesterol and agreed with Aslan et al. (2004) in laying hens and Morehouse et al. (1999) in rabbits. Cholesterol level was diminished by adding 120 mg YS/kg for laying hens diet (Kutlu et al., 2001). Also, Chaudhary (2017) stated a diminishing serum cholesterol, while an augmentation in HDL cholesterol as a result of added feed additives that rich with saponin.

**Table 7. Some blood parameters as affected with adding YS to Domyati ducks diet at summer time**

Traits	YS, mg/kg diet			MSE	Probability
	0.0	150	300		
Hb , g/dl	14.04 <sup>C</sup>	15.83 <sup>B</sup>	17.57 <sup>A</sup>	0.42	0.001
RBCs, x 10 <sup>6</sup>	4.429 <sup>B</sup>	5.086 <sup>A</sup>	5.629 <sup>A</sup>	0.151	0.001
WBCs, x 10 <sup>3</sup>	18.71	18.43	18.29	0.36	0.896
Neutrophils (N), %	29.71 <sup>A</sup>	17.57 <sup>B</sup>	14.43 <sup>B</sup>	1.63	0.001
Lymphocytes (L), %	67.57 <sup>B</sup>	77.71 <sup>A</sup>	80.86 <sup>A</sup>	1.42	0.001
N/L	0.446 <sup>A</sup>	0.227 <sup>B</sup>	0.178 <sup>B</sup>	0.029	0.001
Serum constituents					
T. protein, g/l	3.629	3.943	4.043	0.098	0.192
Alb., g/l	1.786 <sup>A</sup>	1.571 <sup>B</sup>	1.586 <sup>B</sup>	0.121	0.001
Triglycerides, mg/dl	107.14	95.71	97.86	14.27	0.295
Total cholesterol, mg/dl	144.14 <sup>A</sup>	112.86 <sup>B</sup>	10.00 <sup>B</sup>	5.35	0.001
HDL cholesterol, mg/dl	34.00 <sup>B</sup>	38.29 <sup>A</sup>	36.00 <sup>AB</sup>	0.80	0.084
AST, UI	69.37 <sup>A</sup>	69.01 <sup>A</sup>	67.49 <sup>B</sup>	0.35	0.054
ALT, UI	17.39 <sup>A</sup>	16.77 <sup>B</sup>	16.43 <sup>B</sup>	0.14	0.011
GSH, U/dl	31.00 <sup>B</sup>	32.14 <sup>B</sup>	38.43 <sup>A</sup>	1.33	0.040
MDA, nmol/ml	4.30 <sup>A</sup>	4.00 <sup>B</sup>	3.93 <sup>B</sup>	0.05	0.005

A,B,C : means in the same row having different letter (s) are significantly different at  $P < 0.05$ .

Poultry species yield free radicals in usual physiological activities as superoxide anion radicals (O<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>) and hydroxide radical (·OH). Extra radicals will harm the construction and role of sugars, proteins, nucleic acids and other organic macro particles and membrane, causing practical and metabolic complaints (Su et al., 2016). Serum MDA level, a result of lipid peroxidation, is a pointer for assessing antioxidant schemes (Hassan et al., 2016). The current positive effects for YS addition could owing to YS phytochemicals content (Alagawany et al. 2015; Su et al., 2016). Resveratrol and methanol extract of YS showed an influential scavenging action versus free radicals caused by stresses and could construct stimulation of the key transcription aspects that control the reaction to antioxidants (Su et al., 2016). Our outcomes are agreed with Ashour et al. (2014) and Alagawany et al. (2018) who showed that phytogetic interior content lead to a condensation of

antioxidant that act a reduction in MDA level.

**Economic evaluation:**

The YS cost was ( $p < 0.001$ ) elevated by increasing YS level addition (Table 8). Total sales were augmented ( $p < 0.001$ ) by 13.50 and 15.64% for birds fed 150 and 300 mg YS/kg diet. Net return and economical efficiency ratio for ducks were hiked by mounting YS level in laying ducks diet compared to those fed the basal diet. The present findings of the economic evaluation might related to the diminished feed consumed and better FCR as well as increasing of number produced.

**Table 8. Economic evaluation parameters as affected with YS addition to Domyati ducks diet at summer time**

Parameters	YS, mg/kg diet			SEM	Probability
	0.0	150	300		
Feed cost (LE) <sup>1</sup>	63.84 <sup>A</sup>	61.71 <sup>B</sup>	61.33 <sup>B</sup>	0.41	0.012
Yucca cost (LE) <sup>2</sup>	0.00 <sup>C</sup>	1.14 <sup>B</sup>	2.27 <sup>A</sup>	0.25	0.001
Total cost (LE) <sup>3</sup>	63.84	62.85	63.60	0.32	0.439
Total sales (LE) <sup>4</sup>	69.82 <sup>B</sup>	79.25 <sup>A</sup>	80.74 <sup>A</sup>	1.33	0.001
Net return (LE) <sup>5</sup>	5.98 <sup>B</sup>	16.39 <sup>A</sup>	17.13 <sup>A</sup>	1.40	0.001
Economical efficiency <sup>6</sup>	0.094 <sup>B</sup>	0.261 <sup>A</sup>	0.270 <sup>A</sup>	0.02	0.001

A,B,C : means in the same row having different letter (s) are significantly different at  $P < 0.05$ .

1-feed amount x 4.857 LE

2-yucca amount, g x 0.6 LE

3-total cost = feed cost + yucca cost

4-produced EN x 1.50 LE

5-net return = total sales – total cost

6- net return / total cost

**CONCLUSION**

Adding *Yucca Schidigera* with 300 mg/kg diet for Domyati ducks could be recommended a substitutional procedure to elevate the productive and profitable performance without untoward effects, as well as economical efficiency at summer time.

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## تأثير إضافة اليوكا الى عليقة البط البياض على الصفات الإنتاجية والتقييم الاقتصادي خلال فصل الصيف

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هذا البحث يهدف دراسة تأثير إضافة اليوكا الى عليقة البط البياض على الصفات الإنتاجية والتقييم الاقتصادي خلال فصل الصيف. تم اختيار عدد 300 طائر بط دمياطى (240 أنثى 60 ذكر) عمر 26 أسبوع وتم تقسيمها عشوائيا إلى ثلاثة مجموعات متساوية (فى خمسة مكررات) فى تصميم تام العشوائية. تم تكوين العليقة الأساسية (16.99% بروتين خام و 2757 كيلو كالورى ممتلئة) وتمت تغذية المجموعة الأولى عليها كمجموعة للمقارنة بينما المجموعات الأخرى غذيت على العليقة الأساسية المضاف لها مسحوق اليوكا بمعدل 150 ، 300 ملجم / كجم عليقة على التوالي خلال الفترة من 26 - 37 أسبوع. أظهرت النتائج تحسن عدد البيض الناتج وكتلته وكفاءة التحويل الغذائى معنويا بينما انخفضت كمية العليقة المستهلكة بإضافة اليوكا للعليقة مقارنة بالكنترول خلال الفترة الكلية للتجربة (26-37 أسبوع). كما ارتفع تركيز الحيوانات المنوية ونسبة الحيوانات المنوية الحيه معنويا بينما انخفضت نسبة الحيوانات المنوية المبتة معنويا فى السائل المنوى للذكور المغذاه على العليقة المضاف لها 300 ملجم يوكا / كجم مقارنة بالكنترول. كما تحسنت نسبى الخصوبة والفقس معنويا للبيض الناتج من البط المغذى على العليقة المضاف لها اليوكا مقارنة بالكنترول. البط المغذى على العلائق المضاف لها اليوكا سجل اعلى قيم فى الهيموجلوبين وعدد كرات الدم الحمراء بينما انخفض معنويا محتوى الدم من الكوليسترول وانزيمات الكبد (AST & ALT) وكذلك MDA. لذا يمكن التوصية بإضافة مسحوق اليوكا الى عليقة البط البياض بمعدل 300 ملجم /كجم عليقة لتأثيرها الإيجابى على الصفات الإنتاجية و الكفاءة الاقتصادية للبط خلال ظروف الصيف