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Abstract

Due to investigation of decreased crude protein (CP) starter diets and estimation of optimum inclusion rate of hydrolyzed Collagen in broiler chickens corn-soybean based grower diets, Two levels of CP (20 and 22%) and three levels of hydrolyzed Collagen (0, 3 and 6%) were used in a complete randomized design with 2×3 factorial arrangement. Two hundred and seventy male day-old broiler chickens (Ross 308) were randomly assigned to 6 treatments with 3 replicates in each treatment (15 birds in each replicate). Experimental diets were formulated for grower period (10 to 24d). Chicks were nourished by a standard diet until 10d old. Feed intake and weight gain were determined weekly and mortality was recorded daily. Results were indicated that low CP diet causes decreased feed intake (FI) significantly (P<0.05) at grower period, but had no effect on weight gain (Wg) and feed conversion ratio (FCR). Wg, FCR and FI were affected significantly by Collagen levels so that the best was 3% inclusion (P<0.05). Interaction between CP and Collagen was significant as 20% CP with 6% Collagen had significantly lower performance. In conclusion, current study showed that it is possible to use hydrolyzed Collagen until 3% of diet and to decrease CP until about 2 percent lower than strain recommendation with essential amino acid inclusion in starter period.

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