FEEDING WEANED MALE BUFFALO CALVES ON DIFFERENT LEVELS OF STARCH VALUE UP TO THE AGE OF TWO YEARS.

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Thirty two male buffalo calves six months old were equally divided into four groups (A), (B), (C) and (D). Animals of groups (B) and (D) received 50 and 25% more starch value (S.V.) than the group (C) control). Each salf in treatment A received the same ration of treatment (C) plus 80 mgs. aureomycin daily.

The data showed that antibiotics caused an increase in growth and better feed efficiency during the 2nd six months of age. Very slight increase occured in the total gain of calves fed aureomycin compared to that of the control during the 3rd six months of age. Therefore, it can be advised not to add antibiotics for calves' rations after they are one year old.

The average liveweight at the age of two years was 503.700, 370.300 and 432.900 kgs. for groups (B), (C) and (D) respectively. The corresponding average total gain from 6-24 months of age was 387.000, 253.600 and 316.200 kgs. The average total gain for groups (B) and (D) exceeded that of group (C) by 52.60 and 24.68% respectively.

The average daily gain for calves in group B exceeded that of group (C) or (D) at any period.

The average feed efficiency during the period of the 2nd six months up to the age of two years was 1: 4.480, 1: 4.556 and 1: 4.537 for groups B), (C) and (D) respectively. The corresponding cost of production of one kg. gain was 94, 109 and 99 mill.

The best feed efficiency and the least cost of production of one kg. gain were those of groups (B) followed by group (D) although these two groups received 50 and 25% more S.V. than the control and consumed the same ingredients.

Meat is important primarily for its high quality protein. Cattle are considered the major source of meat in Egypt. There is a deficiency of about 20—30 thousand tons in the output of meat. Many investigators have suggested to rear the calves up to 350—400 kgs, of weight as a mean of increasing the output of meat. However, some difficulties arose such as the big amount of milk and the thousands tons of feedstuffs needed for rearing these calves. Great deal of research was devoted to minimise the amount of milk necessary for suckling calves, to increase the nutritive value of feedstuffs and to increase the feed efficiency to decrease the cost of production of one kilogram gain.

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This work was performed to study the effect of feeding male buffalo calves on three different levels of S.V. on their growth from the of 6 up to 24 months. It was also intended to study the effect of adding antibiotics to calves' rations on their growth.

Review of Literature

Manyard and Loosli (1956), reported that the total requirements for a given nutrient during growth must include the amount needed for the new tissues formed. Morrison (1957), mentioned that claves require a relatively larged proportion of protein in their rations to provide the material needed for the rapid growth. There were significant correlations between weight gain and concentrate consumption $\mathbf{r} = 0.86$ (Whitaker et al. (1957). Aboutussein (1955), reported that the average daily requirements recommended during the 2nd and 3rd six months of growth were not exceeding 1.2 and 2.2 kgs. S.V. for a mixed herd of cows and buffaloes. Ghoneim (1967), pointed out that during the 4th six months of growth, the calf should be given a daily allowance of 2.8 kgs. S.V. which increased gradually up to 3.4 kgs. at the end of this period. This would approximately mean an average daily allowance of agout 2.8 kgs. during the 4th six months of growth.

Concerning the antibiotic in ruminants, only aureomycin has been definitely established as being beneficial to young calves, resulting in increased growth, reduced incidance of scours, improved physical appearance and better feed efficiency up to 16 weeks of age as reported by Bartley et al. (1953). Fincher et al. (1956), reported that feeding antibiotics to mature cattle has not yet resulted in any observable beneficial effects either in weight gains, growth or milk production.

Experimental and Methods

A series of experiments were undertaken in order to find out the suitable levels of feeding calves after weaning up to the age of 2 years and to study the effect of adding antibiotics to calves' rations on their growth. Thirty two male butffalo calves six months old were equally divided into four groups (A), (B), (C) and (D). Calves in groups (B), (C) and (D) received the same ingredients which were wheat straw, green clover and clover hay along with the food mixture, but differed in the amount of S.V. In treatments (B) and (D), the total amounts of S.V. were respectively 1½ and 1½ times as that used in treatment 'C' (control received the amount of S.V. as recommended by Abou-Hussein, (1955). Each calf in treatment (A) received the same ration of treatment (C) plus 80 mgs. aureomycin daily.

Twenty four calves which were previously experimented on during the 2nd six months were continued in the same four treatments (A), (B), (C) and (D) having 6 calves in each during the 3rd six months of age. Fifteen calves experimented on during the 2nd and 3rd six months in treatments (B),

(C) and(D) were continued in the same treatments during the 4th six months of age. Calves in treatment (A) were not used during this period as it was shown that antibiotics had negligible effect on the growth of calves at the age of one and half year.

The feeding value of the ration offered to each calf in trearment (C) during the different periods is shown in the following table:

- in the second	Feeding value	of the ration
Age in months	S. V. (kg:)	Dig. protein (kg.)
6 - 12 12 - 18 18 - 24	226.040 408.706 620.930	51.434 94.556 122.972

During the second six months of age the ration of S.V. in roughages to concentrates were 1:1, 1:2.1 and 1:1.6. The amounts of roughages to concentrates were 497: 215 kgs. (2.3:1), 497: 423 kgs. (1.2:1) and 497: 318 kgs. 1.6:1), and the nutritive ratino were 1:4, 1:4 and 1:4.2 in treatments A or (C), (B) and (D) respectively.

During the third six months of age, the ratios of S.V. in roughages to concentrates were 1:1.2, 1:2.3 and 1:1.7. The amounts of roughages to concentrates were 1104:406 kgs. (3:1), 1104:780 (1.4:1)) and 1104:580 kgs (2:1), and the nutritive ratios were 1:4.3, 1:4 and 1:4.2 intreatments (A) or (C), (B) and (D) respectively.

During the fourth six months of age the ratios of S.V. in roughages to concentrates were 1:1.5, 1:2.7 and 1:2.1. The amounts of roughages to concentrates were 1001:571 kgs. (1.8:1), 1001:1045 kgs (1:1) and 1001:813 kgs. (1.2:1) and the nutritive ratios were 1:.42, 1:4 and 1:4 in treatments (B), (C) and (D) respectively.

It is to be noted that during the second six months upward, the daily amount of roughages was the same in all treatments.

The weights of animals and the measurements of body size were used as measures of growth according to the recommendation of Brody (1945). The different measurements performed were: height at withers, height at hips points, width of hips (hips points), from highest point of withers to a line between hips and heart girth. The study of weight has been carried out for 2 weekly intervals and the dimensions were measured at 4 weekly intervals.

Results and Discussion

1.—Growth of calves during the 2nd six months of age:

The average liveweight at the end of the 2nd six months was 216.800, 240.400, 209.400 and 231. 900 kgs. in treatments (A), (B), (C) and (D) respectivley as shown in Table 1 and Fig. I. The corresponding average

TABLE I.—Average liveweight gain, feed efficiency and measurements of body dimensions of buffalo male calves fed on different levels of S.V. during the second six month of age!

	37	Starch value consumed		Weig	ght	Average	_	
Treat- ments	No of anim.	During the whole period	Per day	Initial	Final	During the whole period	Per day	Feed efficiency
		Kgs.	Kgs.	Kgs.	Kge .	Kgs.	Kge.	1:
A	8	226.040	1.242	116.700	216.800	100.100	0.550	2,259
В	8	339.060	1.867	116.700	240.400	123.700	0.680	2.74
o	8	226.040	1.242	116.600	209.400	92.800	0.510	2.48
D	8	282.550	1.546	116.700	231.900	115.200	0.633	2.45

			Measurements of body dimension										
	No. of animals			2		3		4		5			
		Cm.	r*	Cm.	r*	Cm.	г*	Cm.	z*	Cm.	r*		
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A	8	15,90	0.70+	15.00	0.50+	8.95	0.62+	10.50	0.17+	24.00	0.69+		
В	8	16.90	0.57+	16.20	0.38+	9.60	0. 4 3+	9.80	0.12-	29.80	0.57+		
С	8	14,10	0.70+	13.60	0.74+	7.90	0.83+	9.10	0.48+	23.10	0.65+		
D	8	16.60	C . 69-+-	16.80	0.74+	8.80	0.72	8.80	0.63-	27 .50	0.39+		

^{*} Growth period 182 days.

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⁺ Correlation coefficient between the gain and dimensions.

^{**} Significant.

^{*} Insignificant

^{1.} Height at withors.

^{2.} Height at hips points.

Width of hips (hips points).
 Highest points of withers to a line between hips.

^{5.} Heart girth.

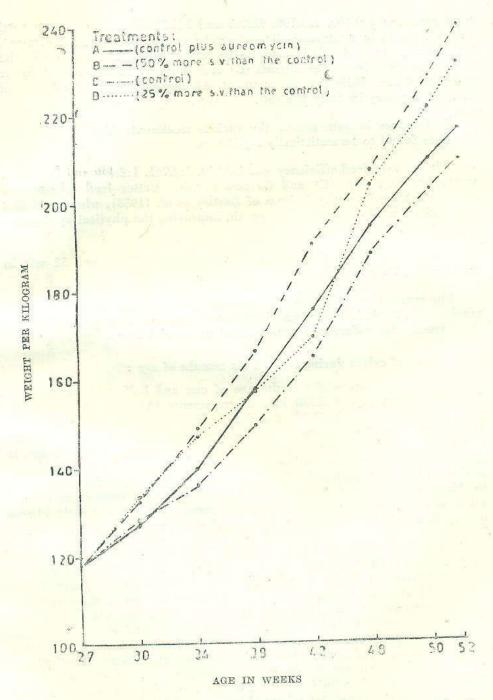


Fig. I.—Average weight of buffalo male calves fed on different levels of s. v. during the second six months of age.

total gain was 100.100, 123.700, 92.800 and 115.200 kgs. The averge total gain for calves in treatments (B), (D) and (A) exceeded that in treatments 'C' (control) by 33.41, 24.14 and 7.87% respectively. The increase in the total gain for calves in treatments (B) and (D) may be due to the higher amounts of S.V. while that in treatment (A) may be due to the addition of 80 mgs. aureomycin daily per calf.

Differences in gain among the various treatments (A), (B), (C) and (D) were found to be statistically significant.

The average feed efficiency was 1:2.259, 1:2.741, 1:2.436 and 1:2.453 in treatments (A), (B), (C) and (D respectively. Better feed efficiency in treatment A confirms the findings of Bartley et al. (1953), who found that antibiotics caused an increase in growth, improving the physical appearance and better feed efficiency.

The cost of production for one kg. gain was 58,57, 53 and 52 mil. in treatments (A), (B), (C) and (D) respectively.

The correlation coefficients between the total gain and body dimensions are shown in Table 1. It can be noticed that the differences in the body dimensions among the different treatments had no special trend.

2.—Growth of calves during the 3rd six months of age :

The average liveweight at the age of one and half year was 284.700, 355.600, 273.900 and 325.330 kgs. in treatments (A), (B), (C) and (D) respectively as shown in Table 2 and Fig. II. It can be noticed that the average liveweight in treatment (A) exceeded that in treatment (C) by 4.01%. Comparing these results with those of the 2nd six months of age, it can be noticed that the increase in the liveweight caused by the addition of the antibiotics diminished. These results are in harmony with those found by Maynard and Loosly (1956), who reported that in animals and birds alike, growth responses to antibiotics are greatest during the early phases of growth and become less or disappear as they approach maturity.

The average total gain was 67.900, 115.200, 64.500 and 93.430 kgs. in treatments (A), (B), (C) and (D) respectively. The average total gain in treatments (B), (D) and (A) exceeded that in treatment 'C' (control) by 78.60, 44.81 and 5.27% respectively. The higher increase of the total gain in both treatments (B) and (D) may be due to the increase of the amount of S.V. consumed. A slight increase occured in the total gain of calves in treatment (A) compared to that in treatment (C) during this period. Therefore, it can be advised not to add antibiotics for calves' rations after they are one year old. These results are in good agreement with that reported by Fincher et al. (1956) who found that feeding antibiotics to mature cattle had no observable beneficial effects either on weight gain, growth or milk production.

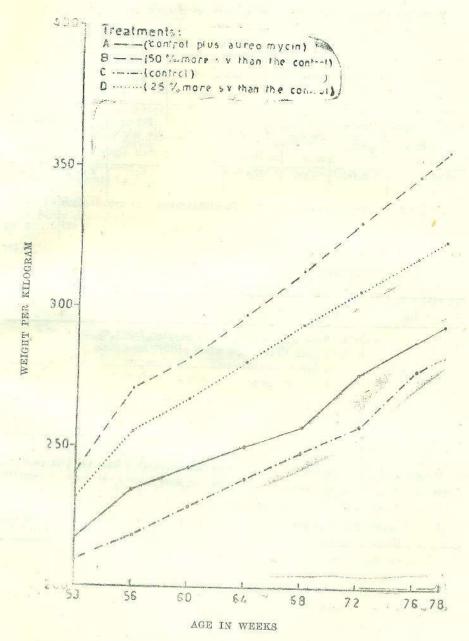


Fig. II.—Average weight of buffalo male calves fed on different levels of s.v. during the third six months of age.

TABLE 2.—Average liveweight gain, feed efficiency and measurements of body dimensions of buffalo male calves fed on different levels of S.V. during the third six month of age*

_		Starch value consumed		Wei	g h t	Average		
Trate- ments	No. of anim.	During the whole period	Per day	Initial	Final	During the whole period	Per day	Feed efficiency
		Kys.	Kgs.	Kgs.	Kgs.	Kgs.	Kgs.	1:
A	6	408.706	2.246	216.800	284.700	67,900	0.373	6.020
В	6	613.059	3.369	240.400	355.60 0	115.200	0.633	5.321
C	6	408.706	2.246	209.400	273.900	64.500	0.354	6.337
D	6	510.883	2.807	231 .900	325.330	93.430	0.513	5.469

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Treat- ments	No. of anim.	1		2		3		4		5	
		Cm.	r*	Сm	r	Cm.	r	Cm	r	Cm.	r
A	6	9,66	0.84+	9.33	0.90+	4.00	0.44+	9.67	0.14	11.16	0.37⊣
В С	6 6		0.63— 0.07+		0.20— 0.06-		0.42— 0.16+		0.59— 0.11+		0.45- 0. 46 -
D	6	10.56	0.51—	10.33	0.46	4.50	0.80+	9,66	0.40-	15.73	0.67-

^{*} Growth period 182 days.

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^{**} Significant.

^{*} Insignificant.

⁺ Correlation coefficient between the total gain and body dimensions.

I. Height at withers.

^{2.} Height at hips points.

^{3.} Width of hips (hips points).

^{4.} Highest points of withers to a line between hips.

^{5.} Heart girth.

Differences in gain among the various treatments (A), (B), (C) and (D) were found to be significant.

The feed efficiency was 1: 6.020, 1: 5.3321, 1: 6.337 and 1: 5.469 in treatments (A), (B), (C) and (D) respectively. The average feed efficiency in treatments (B) and (D) was higher than that in treatment (C) by 16.00 and 13.69% respectively.

The cost of production for one kg. gain was 131, 101, 133 and 111 mil. in treatments (A), (B), (C) and (D) respectively. It can be noticed that the least cost of production for one kg. gain was in both treatments (B) and (D), although they received 50 and 25% more S.V. than the control. There is no obvious differences in the cost of production for one kg. gain in both treatments (A) and (C).

Tabl 2 shows the correlation coefficients between the total gain and the body dimensions.

3. Growth of calves during the 4th six months of age

During this animals experimented on were only those in treatments (B), and (D). The average liveweight was 503.700, 370.300 and 432.900 kgs. in treatments (B), (C) and (D) respectively as shown in Table 3 and Fig. III.

The average total gain was 148.000. 92.200 and 110.400 kgs. and the average daily gain was 0.881, 0.459 and 0.549 and 0.657 kgs. in treatments (B), (C) and (D) respectively. The average total gain in treatments (B) and (D) exceeded that in treatment (C) by 60.33 and 19.72% respectively.

Differences among the treatments (B), (C) and (D) were found to be statically significant.

The average feed efficiency was 1:5.280, 1:5.651 and 1:5.898 and the cost of production for one kg. gain was 105, 117 and 119 mil. in treatments (B), (C) and (D) respectively. It can be noticed that the best feed efficiency and the lowest cost of production of one gain were in tractment (B).

It is shown in Table 3 that the correlation coefficient between the total gain and the body dimensions were statistically insignificant in all the treatments.

4. Growth of calves during the period of the 2nd six months up to the age of two years

The average liveweight at the age of two years in treatment (B) was 16.4 and 36.8% higher than that in treatment (D) and (C) respectively. The average liveweight in treatment (C) at the end of the 4th six months of age (370.300 kgs.) was nearly similar to the average liveweight of calves in treatment (B) at the end of the 3rd six months of age (355.600 kgs.).

TABLE 3.—Average leveweight gain, feed efficiency and body dimension of buffalo male calves fed on different levels of S.V. during the fourth six months of age*

in its in	gain	Average	ht	Weig	Starch value consumed		74 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 -	
Feed efficiency	Per/day	During the whole period	Final	Initial	Per/day	During the whole period	No. of anim.	Treat- ments
* :	Kgs.	Kgs.	Kgs.	Kgs.	Kgs.	Kgs.		h;
5.28	0.881	148.000	503.700	355.700	4,652	781.395	5	В
5,65	0 549	92.200	370.300	278.100	3.101	520,930	5	C
5.89	0.657	110.400	432.900	322.500	3.876	¢51.163	5	D

		Measurements of body dimensions during the fourth six months of age										
	No. of animals	1		2		3		4		5		
		Cm.	r+	Cm.	r	Cm.	r	Cm.	r	Cm.	r	
B	5	11.20	0.67+	9.80	0.46+	7.20	0.38—	13.80	0.19+	22.60	0.05—	
C	5	8.80	0.63-	9.20	0.47-	5.00	0.76-	8.40	0.26—	20.20	0.72-	
D	5	6.60	0.56-	6.40	0.08-	5.80	0.39+	10.80	.66+	21.40	0.35+	

^{*} Growth period 168 days.

⁺ Correlation coefficients between the gain and body dimensiosn

^{**} Significant.

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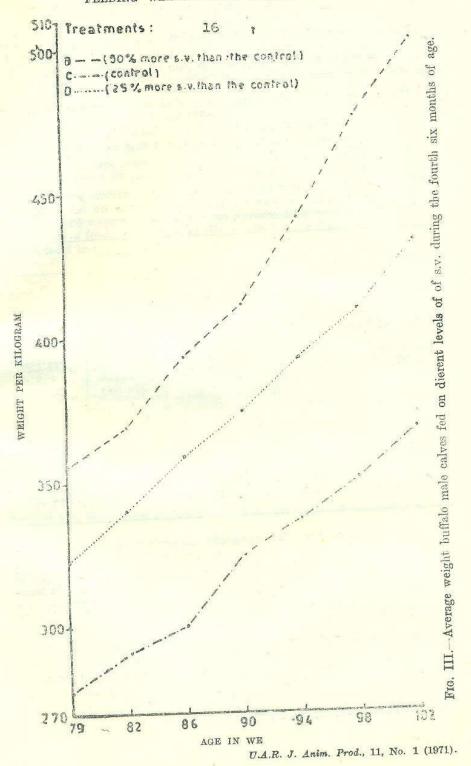
^{1.} Height at withers.

^{2.} Height at hips.

^{3.} Width of hips (hips points).

^{4.} Highest point of withers to a line between hips.

⁵ Heart girth.



The average total gain of calves from the age of 6—24 months was 387.000, 253.600 and 316.200 kgs. in treatment (B., (C) and (D) respectively as shown in Table 4. The average total gain in treatment (B) and (D) exceeded that in treatment (C) by 52.60 and 24.68% respectively.

The average daily gain during the period from 6 months up to the age of two years was 0.699, 0.471 and 0.577 kgs. in treatments (B), (C) and (D) respectively. From Tables 1,2 and 3 it can be noticed that the average daily gain for calves in treatment (B) exceeded that in treatment (C) or (D) at any period

TABLE 4.—Average liveweight, gain and feed efficiency of male buffalo calves fed on different levels of S.V. during the period 6-24 months of age (growth period 532 days)

Item	Treatments					
rtem	В	C	D			
Starch value consumed:						
During the whole period .kg. Per day	1738.514 3.259 503.700	1155,676 2,173 370,300	1444.596 2.716 432.900			
Average gain:						
During the whole period .kg. Per daykg. Cost of production of one kg.	387.000 0.699	253.600 0.471	316.200 0.577			
gain mil	94 1:4.480	109 I:4.556	99 1:4,537			

The S.V. consumed per day increased from period to period in all treatments. It was 1.867, 3.369 and 4.652 kgs. in treatment (B) during the 2nd, 3rd and 4th six months of age respectively. It was successively 1.242, 2.246 and 3.101 kgs. in treatment (C) and was 1.546, 2.807 and 3.87 kgs. in treatment (D). The average S.V. consumed per day during the period of the 2nd six months up to the age of two years was 3.259, 2.173 and 2.716 kgs. in treatments (B), (C) and (D) respectively.

The average feed efficiency during the period of the 2nd six months up to the age of two years was 1: 4.480, 1: 4.556 and 1: 4.537 in treatments (B), (C) and (D) respectively. It can be noticed that the best feed efficiency was that in treatment (B) and he lowest one was that in treatment (C).

The cost o foroduction of one kg. gain increased gradually from period to period in all groups. It was 57, 101 and 105 mil. in tretament B during the 2nd, 3rd and 4th six months of age respectively. It was successively 533, 133 and 117 mil. in treatment (C) and was 52, 111 and 119 mil. in treatment (D). The average cost of production of one kg. during the period of the 2nd six months up to the age of two years was 94, 109 and 99 mil. in treatments (B), (C) and (D) respectively.

It can be noticed that the average cost of production of one kg. gain was the least in treatment (B) followed by treatment (D) Although these treatments received 50 and 25% more S.V. than the control and consumed the same ingredients.

From the previous results it may be recommended to follow the economical system of feeding in treatment (B) (fed 50% more S.V. than the recommended level in treatment 'C').

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نمو ذكور العجول الجاموسي المغلاة على مستويات مختلفة من معادل النشا وأضيف الأروميسين الى بعض علائقها من عمر سنة شهور الى عمر سسنتين

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اللخص

قسيمت العجول وعددها ٣٢ الى أربع مجاميع أ ، ب ، ج ، د واتخذت المجموعة ج للمقارنة حصلت المجاميع على نفس المواد الفذائية ولكن اختلفت في مستويات كمية معادل النشا وكذلك المضادات الحيوية ، فقد حصلت المجموعتان ب ، د على ، ٥ ، ٢٥٪ من معادل النشا زيادة عن المجموعة ج كما حصلت المجموعة أ على نفس معادل النشا للمجموعة ج بالاضافة الى ٨٠ ملليجرام من الأروميسيين لكل عجل يوميا .

أظهرت النتائج أن أضافة الأروميسين قد سبب زيادة في النمو وقلة في عدد كيلو جرامات النشا اللازمة لانتاج كيلو جرام نمو في فترة الستة شهور الثانية ولكن أثر الإضافة قد تلاشي تقريبا في فترة الستة شهور الثالثة مما يمكننا من القول بأنه لا داعي لاضافة المضسادات الحيوية الى علائق العجل بعد عمر سنة.

کانت نتائج الفترة من الستة شهور الثانية حتى عمر سنتين کالآتى : کان الوزن الحى للعجل عند عمر سنتين للمجاميع ب ، + ، د هو کان الوزن الحى للعجل عند عمر سنتين للمجاميع ب ، + ، د رور + ، +

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