fecal microflora, but there was no influence on nursing pig fecal consistency or performance.

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212 Effects of Monosodium Glutamate on Nursery Pig Performance.

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Two experiments were conducted to evaluate the effects of monosodium glutamate (MSG) on nursery pig performance. In Exp. 1, 1,134 nursery pigs (PIC 280 × 1050, initially 5.1 kg BW) were allotted to 6 treatments fed for 48 d. There were 27 pigs/pen and 7 pens/treatment. Dietary treatments contained 0, 0.5, 1.0, 1.5, and 2.0% MSG, or a high salt diet, formulated to an equal Na content as the 1.0% MSG diet. Experimental diets were fed in 3 phases from d 0 to 12, d 12 to 26, and d 26 to 48. During phase 1, no evidence for differences was detected among MSG treatments. In phase 2, increasing MSG decreased (linear, $P<0.045$) ADG, ADFI, and G:F while pigs fed the high salt diet (0.84% added salt) had decreased ($P<0.001$) ADG (254 vs. 317 g; SEM=11.3) and G:F (0.572 vs. 0.674; SEM=0.0154) compared with pigs fed the 1% MSG diet. In phase 3, pigs fed the high salt diet had decreased ($P<0.028$) ADG (528 vs. 561 g; SEM=10.1) and ADFI (797 vs. 851 g; SEM=17.3) compared with those fed the 1% MSG diet. For the overall nursery period, increasing MSG decreased (linear, $P=0.033$) ADG (388, 372, 378, 369, and 370 g for 0 to 2% MSG, respectively; SEM=7.9). Pigs fed the high salt diet had decreased ($P<0.009$) ADG (341 vs. 378 g; SEM=7.9), ADFI (546 vs. 578 g; SEM=12.2), and G:F (0.625 vs. 0.654; SEM=0.0044) compared to those fed 1% MSG. In Exp. 2, 700 nursery pigs (PIC C-29 × 1050, initially 6.2 kg BW) were allotted to 5 treatments fed for 42 d. There were 10 pigs/pen and 14 pens/treatment. Dietary treatments contained 0, 0.5, 1.0, 1.5, and 2.0% MSG and were balanced for Na and Cl using sodium bicarbonate and potassium chloride. Experimental diets were fed in 3 phases from d 0 to 14, d 14 to 28, and d 28 to 42. For ADG and ADFI, there was no evidence for differences within any phase or overall (ADG overall: linear, $P=0.538$; 464, 462, 458, 457, and 461 g, respectively; SEM=5.3). Increasing MSG resulted in poorer G:F (linear, $P=0.003$; 0.670, 0.660, 0.654, 0.654, and 0.645, respectively; SEM=0.0057) for phase 3. Thus, for the overall nursery period, G:F tended (quadratic, $P=0.080$) to be poorer with increasing MSG. In conclusion, MSG did not improve nursery pig performance and MSG may reduce intake and gain when dietary Na is not balanced.

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213 Effects of Different Levels of Hemeprotein Supplementation on Performance and Blood Physicochemical Parameters in Weaned Piglets.

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This experiment was conducted to investigate effects of different levels of hemeprotein (158S) supplementation on performance and blood physicochemical parameters in weaned piglets, and to determine the optimal level of hemeprotein (158S) supplementation in weaned piglet diet. A total of 192 weaned Duroc × Large White × Landrace piglets at 42 d of age (initial BW 10.49 ± 0.06 kg) were selected and were randomly divided into four groups receiving diets containing 0 (control group), 700 ($158S_{700}$ group), 900 ($158S_{900}$ group) and 1200 ($158S_{1200}$ group) mg/kg 158S respectively (4 replicates per group and 12 piglets per replicate). The experiment lasted for 31 d, including 3 d of adaption and 28 d of official trial. All data was analyzed as a randomized complete block design using GLM of SAS (SAS Inst., Inc. Cary, N.C). The results indicated that ADG in the $158S_{900}$ group in the first 14 d (372.24 g/d) was higher than 0、700 and 1200 groups (304.05, 314.40, and 314.52 g/d, respectively) ($P < 0.05$), and the F/G in the $158S_{900}$ group (1.62) was lower than 0、700 and 1200 groups (1.91, 1.87, and 1.78, respectively) ($P < 0.05$), however, ADG in the $158S_{700}$ group was greater than the control group in the last 14 d (512.46 vs 427.90 g/d, $P = 0.011$), but was not different with the $158S_{900}$ group (466.22 g/d, $P = 0.126$). The blood hemoglobin (HGB) in the $158S_{900}$ group (111.67 g/L) rose more than 0、700 and 1200 groups (98.50, 100.75, and 99.88 g/L, respectively, p=0.046) and the hematocit (HCT) was higher than the control group in the 14^{th} d (33.00% vs 29.00%, $P = 0.029$). While in the 28^{th} d, the HGB in the $158S_{900}$ group was greater than the control group (105.22% vs 98.04%) ($P=0.032$). Also, as the 158S supplementation in the diets increased, ferritin (Fn) in the serum in the 14^{th} d was tend to rise ($P = 0.067$), and Fn in the $158S_{900}$ group and $158S_{1200}$ group were higher than the control group ($P = 0.035$ and 0.017, respectively). In conclusion, supplementation of hemeprotein (158S) to the diet can improve the performance and the iron status of weaned piglets, and the optimal supplementation level is 700-900 mg/kg, which is dependent on the weaning age and the iron status of piglets.