

EFFECTIVITY OF THE PRE-STARTER MULTI-PEKONI FOR PIGLETS

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Summary. The effect of the pre-starter with lower amount of protein, specifically treated fibre and enzymes on piglets was studied. It is stated by some authors, that when forage with the components mentioned above is used, number of cases of diarrhoea decrease, resistance against E.coli and other intestinal parasites increase, the percent of survival is higher, piglets grow better. The experiment was carried out with the piglets from 6 nests (Finnish Landrace and German Large White Hybrids born from analogous sows). They were divided into control and experimental groups, 3 nests in each. The experiment was continued from the birth till weanling (60 days) and 15 days longer. The piglets of the control group were given combined forage for suckling piglets, the piglets of experimental group - pre-starter Multi-Pekoni. Before weanling six piglets from 29 in the control group died (20,7 %), in the experimental group - 3 piglets from 34 (8,8 %). During weanling the average weight of piglets in the control group was 12,2 kg, in the experimental - 15,0 kg (18,7 % as higher, (P<0,05).

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