GROWTH PERFORMANCE OF EMU CHICKS

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A study was conducted on growth performance of 20 numbers of emu chicks from day old to 10 weeks of age at Emu Research Unit, TANUVAS Regional Research Centre, Pudukkottai. All the chicks were maintained under standard managerial practices. All the chicks were fed with emu brooder mash containing 21 per cent crude protein and 2780 kCal ME/kg. The mean egg and hatch weight were 583.46±20.87g and 414.14±5.47g respectively. The mean body weight recorded were 325.30±9.07g (1st week of age), 617.30±11.05g (2nd wk), 800.00±11.44g (3rd wk), 1.46±0.02kg (4th wk), 1.93±0.02kg (5th wk), 2.86±0.03kg (6th wk), 3.64±0.04kg (7th wk), 4.81±0.025kg (8th wk), 5.82±0.03kg (9th wk) and 6.85±0.03kg at 10th week of age.