

## Effects of probiotic on performance of broiler chicks Karunakaran, R. and K. Nachimuthu and R. Kadirvel Madras Veterinary College, Chennai - 600 007

Two trials were conducted on commercial broilers to evaluate the performance of broilers to probiotic preparation developed from the gut of chicken. A probiotic containing Lactobacillus acidophilus 0.5, L. Salivarius 0.25, Saccharomyces sp.0.125 and Torulopsis sp. 0.125 x 106 cfu per kg diet significantly (P<0.01) improved weight gain by 11.0 to 12.2%, reduced feacal coliform count by 60.3 per cent, increased intestinal amylase activity (p<0.01), elevated the humoral immune response (p<0.01) to New castle disease virus and increased the width of villi (p<0.01). The result indicated that the probiotic preparation developed from the chicken gut when fed at 106 cfu per kg diet could enhance the broiler chicks' performance.