Distiller's Dried Grains with Solubles – Redefined for Swine

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What is DDGS?

- Co-product of the dry-milling ethanol industry
 - Corn (maize) DDGS Midwestern US
 - Wheat DDGS Canada
 - Sorghum (milo) DDGS Great Plains US
 - Barley DDGS
 - Rye DDGS



Production of DDGS

- Yeasts and enzymes are used to ferment the starch fraction of corn
- Ethanol and carbon dioxide are produced
- Distiller's grains and distiller's solubles are the residues remaining after fermentation
- These fractions are blended and dried to produce distiller's dried grains with solubles (DDGS)





Dry-Milling Average Ethanol Yield Per Bushel (25.4 kg) of Corn



Ethanol 2.7 gallons (10.2 liters)

- DDGS
- CO₂
- 18 lbs (8.2 kg)

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Map of U.S. Ethanol Plants



"New Generation" vs. "Old Generation" DDGS

Lower Quality, Less Digestible DDGS High Quality, Highly Digestible DDGS

Comparison of Energy Values for DDGS (88% Dry Matter Basis)

	"New" DDGS	"New" DDGS	"Old" DDGS	DDGS
	Calculated	Trial avg.	Calculated	NRC
				(1998)
DE, kcal/lb	1582	1600	1546	1564
	Range	Range		
	1550-1604	1349-1853		
ME, kcal/lb	1434	1527	1405	1212
	Range	Range		
	1400-1458	1279-1776		
Corn (NRC, 1998): DE (kcal/lb) = 1580				

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Comparison of Amino Acid Composition of DDGS (88% dry matter basis)

	"New" DDGS	"Old" DDGS	DDGS (NRC, 1998)
Lysine, %	0.75 (17.3)	0.47 (26.5)	0.59
Methionine, %	0.63 (13.6)	0.44 (4.5)	0.48
Threonine, %	0.99 (6.4)	0.86 (7.3)	0.89
Tryptophan, %	0.22 (6.7)	0.17 (19.8)	0.24
Valine, %	1.32 (7.2)	1.22 (2.3)	1.23
Arginine, %	1.06 (9.1)	0.81 (18.7)	1.07
Histidine, %	0.67 (7.8)	0.54 (15.2)	0.65
Leucine, %	3.12 (6.4)	2.61 (12.4)	2.43
Isoleucine, %	0.99 (8.7)	0.88 (9.1)	0.98
Phenylalanine, %	1.29 (6.6)	1.12 (8.1)	1.27

Values in () are CV's among plants

Comparison of Apparent Ileal Digestible Amino Acid Composition of DDGS (88% dry matter basis)

	"New" DDGS	"Old" DDGS	DDGS
			(NRC, 1998)
Lysine, %	0.39	0.00	0.27
Methionine, %	0.28	0.21	0.34
Threonine, %	0.55	0.32	0.49
Tryptophan, %	0.13	0.13	0.12
Valine, %	0.81	0.45	0.77
Arginine, %	0.79	0.53	0.77
Histidine, %	0.45	0.26	0.40
Leucine, %	2.26	1.62	1.85
Isoleucine, %	0.63	0.37	0.64
Phenylalanine, %	0.78	0.60	0.96

Comparison of Phosphorus Level and Relative Availability of DDGS (88% dry matter basis)

	"New" DDGS	"Old" DDGS	DDGS NRC (1998)	Corn NRC (1998)
Total P, %	0.78 Range 0.62-0.87	0.79	0.73	0.25
P Availability, %	90 Range 88-92	No data	77	14
Available P, %	0.70	No data	0.56	0.03

Why is there so much interest in feeding DDGS to swine?

- "New Generation" DDGS is high in digestible nutrients
- Economical partial replacement for:
 - corn
 - soybean meal
 - dicalcium phosphate
- Increasing production and supply
- Unique properties
 - reduce P excretion in manure
 - increase litter size weaned/sow
 - gut health benefits?

Maximum Inclusion Rates of "New Generation" DDGS in Swine Diets (Based Upon University of Minnesota Performance Trials)

- Nursery pigs (> 7 kg)
 - Up to 25 %
- Grow-finish pigs
 - Up to 20% (higher levels may reduce pork fat quality)
- Gestating sows
 - Up to 50%
- Lactating sows
 - Up to 20%

Assumptions: no mycotoxins

formulate on a digestible amino acid and available phosphorus basis

Feeding "New Generation DDGS to Sows"





Effect of Feeding a 50% DDGS Diet on Sow Weight Gain During Gestation (Reproductive Cycle 1)



Effect of Feeding 0 or 50% DDGS Gestation Diets and 0 or 20% DDGS Lactation Diets on Pigs Weaned/Litter



Effect of Dietary Treatment Combination on Sow Lactation ADFI



Feeding "New Generation" DDGS to Weaned Pigs





Materials and Methods – Nursery Experiments

Experiment 1

- Pigs weaned at 19.0 ± 0.3 d of age
- Weighed 7.10 ± 0.07 kg
- Experiment 2
 - Pigs weaned at 16.9 ± 0.4 d of age
 - Weighed 5.26 ± 0.07 kg
- Pigs were fed a commercial pelleted diet (d 0 to 3 postweaning)
- Phase II (d 4-17) and Phase III (d 18 35) diets were formulated on a digestible amino acid basis.
 - Diets contained 0, 5, 10, 15, 20, or 25% DDGS

Effect of DDGS Level on Growth Rate (Experiment 1)



Means not sharing a common superscript letter are significantly different (P < .05)

Effect of DDGS Level on ADFI (Experiment 1)



Effect of DDGS Level on Gain/Feed (Experiment 1)



Effect of DDGS Level on Growth Rate (Experiment 2)



Effect of DDGS Level on Feed Intake (Experiment 2)



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Effect of DDGS Level on Gain/Feed (Experiment 2)



Effect of DDGS Level on Final BW (Experiment 2)



Dietary treatment

Feeding "New Generation" DDGS to Grow-Finish Pigs





Fat Quality Characteristics of Market Pigs Fed Corn-Soy Diets Containing 0 to 30% DDGS

	0 %	10%	20%	30%
Belly thickness, cm	3.15ª	3.00 ^{a,b}	2.84 ^{a,b}	2.71 ^b
Belly firmness score, degrees	27.3 ^a	24.4 ^{a,b}	25.1 ^{a,b}	21.3 ^b
Adjusted belly firmness score, degrees	25.9 ^a	23.8 ^{a,b}	25.4 ^{a,b}	22.4 ^b
lodine number	66.8 ^a	68.6 ^b	70.6 ^c	72.0 ^c

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Formulation Methods for Diets Containing DDGS

- Total vs digestible amino acid basis
 - Maximum DDGS inclusion rate = 10%
 - if formulating on a total amino acid basis
 - Much higher DDGS inclusion rates (>10%)
 - if diets are formulated using digestible amino acids
- Total vs available phosphorus basis
 - Formulating diet on an available P basis increases economic benefit and reduces P content of manure

Cost Savings Depends on Diet Formulation Method Used

Comparison of Formulating DDGS Diets on a Total Lysine and P Basis vs. Digestible Lysine and Available P Basis

	Typical Corn-SBM-	10% DDGS Total Lysine	10% DDGS Digestible Lysine
Ingredient	Lysine Diet	Total P	Available P
Corn, kg	731.5	650.5	643
Soybean meal 44%, kg	241	223	231.5
DDGS, kg	0	100	100
Dicalcium phosphate, kg	12	9.5	8.5
Limestone, kg	7	8.5	8.5
Salt, kg	3	3	3
L-lysine HCl, kg	1.5	1.5	1.5
VTM premix, kg	4	4	4
TOTAL, kg	1000	1000	1000
Total Cost, \$	109.80	108.40	109.18
Difference, \$	-	-1.40	-0.62

corn = \$2.00/bu, DDGS = \$85/ton, soybean meal 44% = \$190/ton, dicalcium phosphate = \$15.00/cwt, limestone = \$1.75/cwt, salt = \$6.90/cwt, L-lysine HCI = \$1.00/lb, VTM premix = \$1.17/lb

Why is Feed Cost Savings Higher When Formulating Diets on a Total Amino Acid and Phosphorus Basis?

- Formulating on a total lysine and P basis replaces:
 - 7.5 kg less corn (\$0.079/kg)
 - 8.5 kg more soybean meal 44% (\$0.209/kg)
 - 1 kg less dicalcium phosphate (\$0.33/kg)
 - compared to formulating on a digestible amino acid and available phosphorus basis

Quick Calculation of Feed Cost Savings

Thumb rule:

Additions/2000 lbs diet

+ 200 lbs DDGS x _____ \$/lb = \$____ + 3 lbs limestone x _____ \$/lb = \$____ TOTAL ADDITIONS (A) \$____

Subtractions/2000 lbs diet

- 177 lbs corn x _____ \$/lb = \$_____
- 20 lbs SBM (44%) x _____ \$/lb = \$_____
- 6 lbs dical. phos. x _____ \$/lb = \$_____
TOTAL SUBTRACTIONS (S) \$_____\$___

(S - A) = Feed cost savings/ton by adding 10% DDGS to the diet

DDGS and Phytase are a Key Part of Manure Phosphorus Management

- Adding 20% DDGS to a corn-soy diet and formulating on an available P basis
 - can reduce manure P by > 12%
- Adding phytase to a corn-soy diet
 - increases P bioavailability from 15% to > 45%
- Lowering dietary P, adding 20% DDGS & phytase
 - can reduce manure P excretion by 40 to 50%

Diet Compositions and Cost Comparison from Adding 18.8% DDGS and Phytase

Ingredient	Corn-SBM-1.5 kg Lysine	18.8% DDGS + Phytase
Corn, kg	798.3	636.3
Soybean meal 44%, kg	176.9	159.4
DDGS, kg	0.0	188
Dicalcium phosphate, kg	11.6	0.0
Limestone, kg	7.2	9.8
Salt, kg	3.0	3.0
L-lysine HCl, kg	1.5	1.5
VTM premix, kg	1.5	1.5
Phytase, 500 FTU/kg	0.0	0.5
TOTAL, kg	1000.0	1000.0
Total Cost, \$	96.25	96.36
Difference, \$	-	+ 0.11

Does Feeding DDGS Improve Gut Health?



DDGS and Gut Health

- Field reports:
 - Beneficial effect of adding 5 to 10% DDGS in grow-finish diets
- DDGS contains low levels of soluble (0.7 %) and high levels of insoluble (42.2 %) fiber (Shurson et al., 2000)
 - Low soluble fiber diets may reduce the proliferation of pathogenic organisms in the GI tract (Hampson, 1999).
- DDGS contains components of yeast cells
 - May have nutraceutical properties

What is lleitis?

- Porcine Proliferative Enteropathy
- Caused by Lawsonia intracellularis
 - Present in 96% of U.S. swine herds (Bane et al., 1997)
 - 28% of pigs affected (NAHMS, 2000)
 - Can be shed in infected pigs for up to 10 weeks
- Animals are infected by oral contact with feces from animals shedding the bacteria
- 7-10 days after infection:
 - Lesions of the intestinal wall begin to form
 - Lesions maximized around 21 days post-infection

Clinical Forms of Ileitis

- Porcine Intestinal Adenomatosis (PIA)
 - Chronic form
 - Seen in growing pigs (6 20 weeks of age)
 - Decreased feed intake, lethargic
- Porcine Hemorrhagic Enteropathy (PHE)
 - Acute form, affects heavier pigs
 - Greatest frequency appears to be from 65 110 kg pigs
 - Massive intestinal hemorrhaging, bloody diarrhea, increase in mortality





Effect of Dietary DDGS Level on Lesion Length (21 d Post-Challenge) Experiment 1



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Effect of Dietary DDGS Level on Lesion Severity (21 d Post-Challenge) Experiment 1



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* Effect of disease challenge (P < .01).

Effect of Dietary DDGS Level on Lesion Prevalence (21 d Post-Challenge) Experiment 1



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Effect of Dietary DDGS Level on Fecal Shedding (PCR Analysis) Experiment 1



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- * Effect of disease challenge (*P* < .01).

Effect of DDGS Level on *L. intracellularis* Infection (IHC Analysis) Experiment 1



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Summary of Results – Experiment 1

- DDGS inclusion did not improve the pig's ability to resist an ileitis challenge
- Dosage (inoculation) rate was higher than desired
 - Actual: 1.56 x 10⁹ dose of *L. intracellularis*
 - Goal: 1 x 10⁸ dose of *L. intracellularis*

Effect of Dietary Treatment on Lesion Length (21 d Post-Challenge) Experiment 2



Effect of Dietary Treatment on Lesion Severity (21 d Post-Challenge) Experiment 2



Effect of Dietary Treatment on Lesion Prevalence (21 d Post-Challenge) Experiment 2



Effect of Dietary Treatment on Fecal Shedding (PCR Analysis) Experiment 2



Effect of Treatment on *L. intracellularis* Infection (IHC Analysis) Experiment 2



Summary of Results, Experiment 2

- Inoculation level was closer to goal
 - DDGS inclusion (10%) or antimicrobial regimen had a positive effect on the pig's ability to resist an ileitis challenge
- No beneficial additive effects of combining DDGS and BMD[®]/Aureomycin[®] regimen

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