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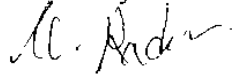
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ABSTRACT

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Two experiments were conducted to study the effect of sulphate salts on pekin ducks performance and whether sulphate can replace supplemented methionine or not. In the first experiment, ducks were fed basal diet alone or with 0.1% methionine hydroxy analogue-calcium salt, 0.1% sodium sulphate (SS), 0.3% SS or 0.5% SS. The average live body weights at 8 weeks were 1893, 1986, 1989, 1968 and 2145 g, respectively. The results of the first experiment showed that ducks need supplemented methionine or sulphate to maximum growth performance. In the second experiment, ducks were fed basal diet alone or with 0.1% methionine hydroxy analogue-calcium salts, 0.1% SS, 0.3% SS, 0.5% SS, 0.7% SS or 0.9% SS. The average live body weights were 2422, 2383, 2387, 2377, 2402, 2403 and 2439 g, respectively. The results of second experiment showed that ducks did not need either methionine or sulphate. The difference between the two experiments was discussed.

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