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Summary

The agro-based food industry in Egypt is one of the main pillars of the improvement of the Egyptian economy, but it can be a major source of environmental pollution due to the large quantity of vegetable and fruit wastes generated. Organic wastes are often managed from agro-industries without proper planning and accompanying risks for surrounding environment.

Agricultural waste management is one of the main tasks of local governments responsible for the field of agricultural industries. The main task of researchers, engineers and technicians, is to provide policy makers and decision makers with technical options and scientific solutions for the recycling of agricultural industrial waste for reuse.

Fermentation of the solid state is one of the most important technology used to enrich the protein for the residues of the agricultural industries and is widely used with different types of safe fungus strains, which increase the nutritional value of the residues of the agricultural industries and reuse as animal feed .. This represents the economic income of food products factories and the corresponding environmental return for the disposal of waste from industrial processes.

The problem of animal feed in Egypt has increased in recent years as a result of increasing demand, inadequate production and a rise in the price of the dollar, which has affected the high prices of fodders. Therefore, alternatives should be search to increase the production of feed and its production from non-used materials such as agricultural wastes.

2. Objective of the research

a - Use of solid state fermentation technology to enrich the nutritional value of agricultural industrial waste using two different types of fungi (*Trichoderma reesei* and *Trichoderma harzianum*).

b - Improve the fermentation process of the solid waste of agricultural industries using five different types of waste (peel mango, apples, bananas, oranges and tomatoes)

C - Study the effect of changing pH and temperature on enriching the nutritional value of agricultural industrial wastes.

3. Contents of the study

The study contains six sections to add to the list of references and statement as follows:

The first chapter:

The first chapter of the study includes a basic introduction to the research project. It also clarifies the importance of the research topic, the objectives and the methods used to achieve the goal.

The second chapter:

The second second deals with the scientific concept of solid state fermentation and its importance in enriching the nutritional value of agricultural industrial wastes. It also includes the fungal strain used. It also includes different applications of the state of fermentation and solid state fermentation reactors . It also includes a brief review of past research in this area and the results achieved.

The thi	rd chap	oter :			

The third chapter explains the research plan used, the types of fungi used in the fermentation process, the effect of the pH change, the degree of temperature, and the incubation period on the fermentation process.

The fourth chapter:

It includes displaying the results obtained and placing them within tables and curves, and analyzing the results obtained to reach the main objective of the research. It also includes the determination the best type of waste used and the best strain of fungus, the optimum temperature pH and incubation time to reach the highest nutritional values of the wastes used.

The fivth chapter:

This chapter analyzes and comments on the results obtained from this study to determine the best type of waste used and the best type of fungus. Optimal temperature and pH are determined to reach the highest values to enrich the nutritional value of the waste used.

The sixth chapter

This chapter deal with the proposed summary and recommendations, including the following:

- Increase the percentage of protein in all agricultural industrial waste used in the study after the fermentation process using two different types of mushrooms.
- After reviewing the results of the research it is clear that the nutritional value in the residues used with the use of Trichoderma harzianum mushroom increases more than when using Trichoderma reesei.

- Tomato peel residues are the best in increasing the percentage of protein after fermentation followed by mango peel, then orange peel, peel the apples and finally bananas.
- The process of fermentation is affected by changing the surrounding conditions, mainly the temperature of fermentation and pH.

Among the recommendations proposed according to the resultes of this study are:

- Recommend future studies using different types of mushrooms to reach the highest possible protein values in the waste.
- The study of other factors that may affect the process of fermentation, such as the amount of waste used and the degree of moisture and change the medium growth of fungi.
- Recommend the use of this study on a large scale to establish a
 bioreactor within the factories and the process of fermentation for
 the production of animal feed directly within the factories, which
 has an economic return from the use of waste and environmental
 return for disposal.

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