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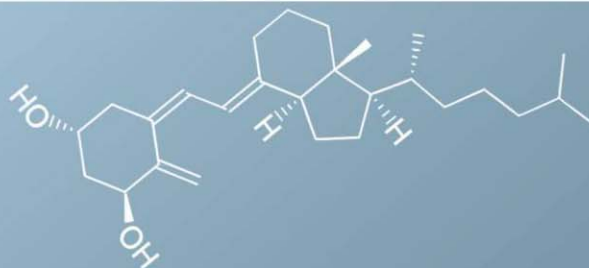
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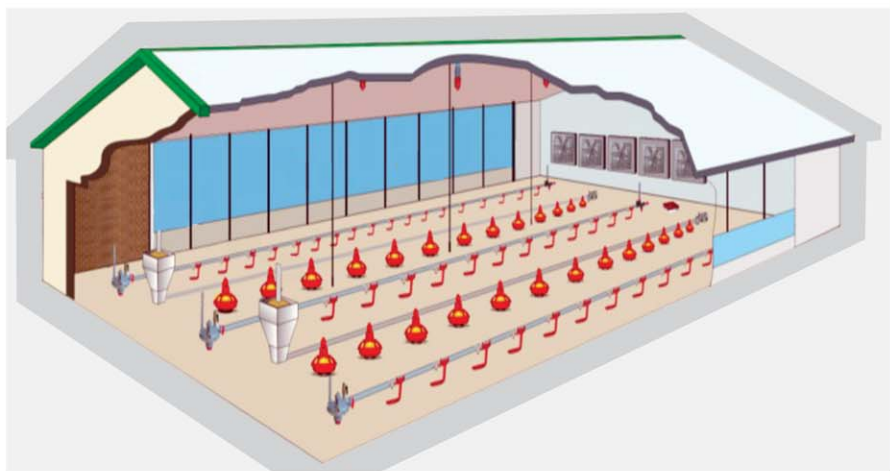
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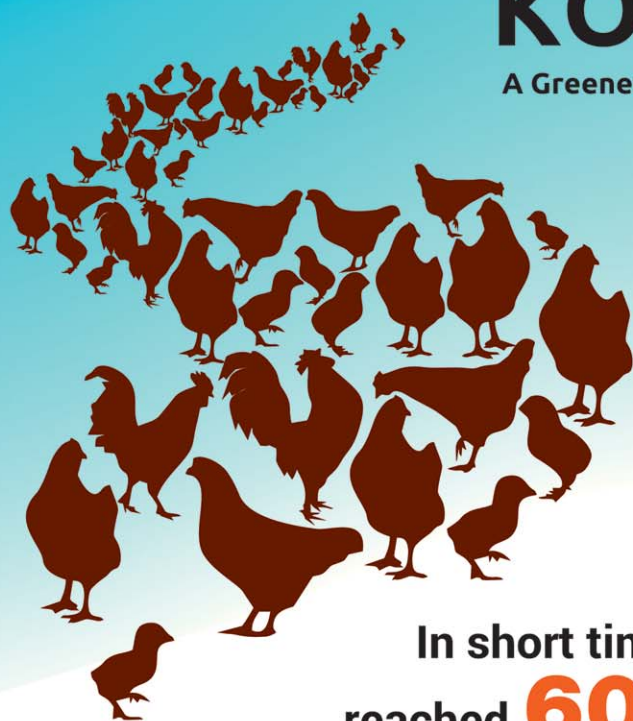


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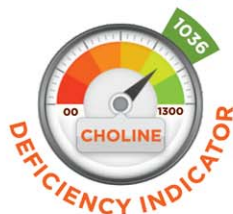
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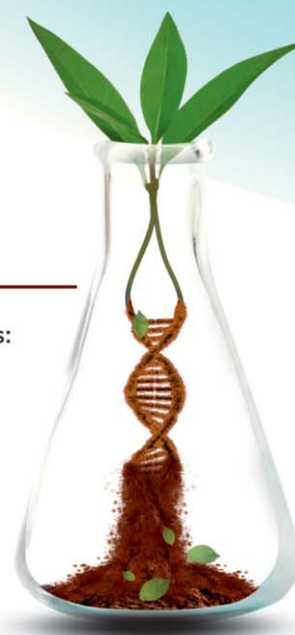
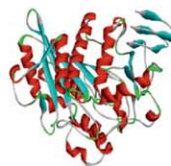
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# Poultry Biosecurity

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The impact of disease on poultry production is one of the major limiting factors to successful performance in the poultry industry. The economics of that production lends itself to larger sites and more dense populations in specific or limited geographical areas. This has many advantages in reducing the costs of live haul, movement of feed and equipment, and flock supervision. However, such densely populated poultry areas present the industry with a daunting challenge in preventing the introduction and persistence of significant disease threats or at least limiting their adverse effects on successful production.

These developments have led to the development of the new 'science' of biosecurity. The term has received various definitions over the last few years but the main philosophy of the approach is to apply this to any procedure or practice that prevents or limits the exposure of a flock to the adverse effects of disease-causing organisms. This may include general on-farm hygiene requirements, vaccination programmes, medication regimes, disease monitoring and the effective use of disinfectants

The successful implementation of a biosecurity programme requires considerable technical input. Biosecurity can be directed towards specific targeted organisms or a more generic disease control strategy. While the scope and impact of biosecurity measures may be obvious for large-scale poultry production, its significance for small poultry-keeping situations must not be overlooked; either in their own right or as sources of infection for large commercial flocks

Practical biosecurity on the farm requires an accurate assessment of disease challenges and their impact on production. Hazard analysis and critical control point (HACCP) principles are frequently used as a starting point in such assessments but practical implementation of

targeted interventions is the secret of success, using properly informed risk assessment and risk management. As a result, an effective biosecurity

programme is so much more than just a printed cleansing and disinfection procedure. The concept of biosecurity covers a whole range of procedures and interventions that can, when effectively combined, reduce the impact of disease.

## CONCEPTS OF BIOSECURITY:

This concept starts at the genetic level. Rapidly growing poultry strains have a relatively naïve immune system and much current genetic improvement is aimed at improving intrinsic disease resistance in modern breeds. The focus is on liveability and birds that may be refractory to certain disease challenges. Much recent activity has been in developing a more robust immune system to respond generally to a range of disease challenges.

Other approaches are aimed at the development of specific resistance markers for specific diseases (e.g. Marek's disease). Future work will attempt to focus more on body systems, such as the respiratory tract to reduce the impact of respiratory pathogens and the gastrointestinal tract to strengthen intestinal integrity

A second major area relates to environmental control and management. Here, as in many other areas of biosecurity, stockman ship and effective husbandry methods are of paramount importance. This requires the ability of the stockperson to identify health and ill health in flocks under his/her care and respond accordingly. Much of this response requires an assessment of environmental effects, especially in the areas of air quality and litter condition as well as the provision of high-quality feed and clean drinking water. Optimal environmental control reduces insults to the respiratory tract by noxious factors such as

ammonia, carbon dioxide, excessive humidity and dust but also helps to excrete unwanted microbiological loads from the house

Vaccination and medication programmes are very significant contributors to an effective biosecurity programme and are an excellent illustration of the importance of an integrated approach. As an example, efficient vaccines are available for Salmonella control but their efficacy is enhanced by an effective strategy of cleansing and disinfection and vermin control to reduce overall challenge pressure and allow the vaccine to work most effectively

Another significant area is where the vaccination programme is delivered in a coordinated manner designed to prevent generalized infection with agents active in a particular geographical area and contribute to an effective control strategy for a whole region. Examples here are infectious bronchitis, Newcastle disease, Gumboro disease and avian pneumovirus infection. As with many of the other areas, vaccines must be properly applied, in accordance with manufacturers' directions and on the basis of expected challenges, based on accurate diagnostic monitoring

Medications administered at strategic times can prevent clinical and subclinical effects of secondary disease challenges. This requires accurate diagnosis of targeted pathogens, pretreatment testing and appropriate use of products with a narrow spectrum but known efficacy for the target organisms. The final and major component of any biosecurity programme remains the effective use and application of cleansers, sanitizers and disinfectants. The aim is to use the right product applied in the right way at the right concentration and as part of a complementary programme.

#### **THE NEED OF BIOSECURITY:**

The range of disease-causing organisms requiring control varies in their type and impact. At one end of the scale such measures can be the basis for national and international emergency disease control strategies implemented or enforced by

national governments. This is clearly important in the control of lethal, highly contagious diseases such as avian influenza and Newcastle disease. However, similar procedures are essential in successful disease control in many other areas, including:

- Control of highly virulent diseases of significant economic impact at a national level (e.g. Gumboro disease, infectious bronchitis, avian pneumovirus infections)
- Reduction of challenge by ubiquitous 'common' organisms known to reduce productivity (e.g. Coccidiosis, *Escherichia coli*)
- Reduction or elimination of immuno suppressive diseases that render birds more susceptible to other diseases or environmental effects (e.g. Marek's disease, Chick anaemia virus (CAV), Gumboro disease, Haemorrhagic enteritis virus (HAV))
- Reduction of contamination of poultry and poultry products with agents of public health significance (e.g. *Salmonella*, *Campylobacter*).

With this broad requirement for control measures aimed at a range of pathogens there is a need for a focused programme of interventions. This requires a detailed knowledge of the diseases and infectious agents any biosecurity programme is attempting to control. There is a direct relationship between where that infectious agent multiplies in the bird and its mode of transmission from one bird to another, or from one site to another.

- Enteric diseases are spread via droppings and litter such that control of faecal spread and effective terminal cleansing and disinfection at depletion are the critical areas
- Vertically transmitted infections, such as mycoplasmas and some *Salmonella* serotypes, require an approach that encompasses the breeder farm, egg hygiene, hatchery hygiene, growing farm procedures, transport and all associated equipment

**To Be Continued.**



## Not all chelated minerals are same

Dr. Koushik De, Director-Technical Services, SCA, Novus International

An organic mineral is a combination of a metal ion with an organic molecule called 'ligand' such as amino acids, proteins, polysaccharides, yeast, or organic acids. Specifically, the metal ion is bound to the organic ligand through multiple attachments (either ionic or covalent) with the metal ion occupying a central position in the structure (Kincaid, 1989, Nelson, 1988).



Dr. Koushik De

To determine the correct inclusion rates for animal feeds to achieve optimum production results, it is vital to consider some factors that influence the needs of the animals. Broilers now have different carcass characteristics and are grown to increasingly large sizes, so a healthy and stable skeletal structure becomes even more important. The increased egg output of modern layer strains means

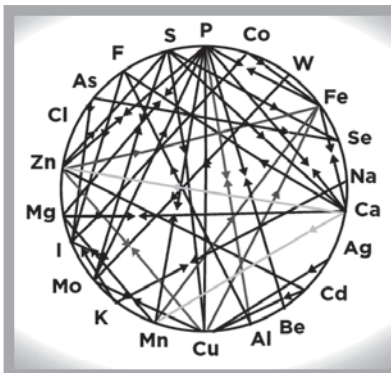
that egg shell quality has become more critical as hens are laying at an earlier age with corresponding reductions in both mature body weight and daily feed intake.

### Animal Trace Mineral Requirements aren't Static:

Poultry feeds must be formulated to provide all the necessary animal's mineral nutrient requirements if optimum growth and production is to be achieved. The exact minimum dietary requirement of trace minerals for every animal is though not a given, constant value as it depends on various influencing factors such as genetic developments, age, reproductive state and health of the animals, housing system and management of the farm. Still today, official recommendations of requirements by official Research or Animal Nutrition organizations such as the National Research Council (NRC), CVB (Centraal Veevoeder Bureau) or genetic breeding companies remain under discussion. Some were defined in the 1990s and it can be questioned if they are therefore adapted to modern breeding systems/breeds and production.

### More is less –interactions and antagonisms:

Due to the simplicity of their molecular structure, trace minerals within inorganic sources are very susceptible to binding with other feed ingredients such as other minerals or more complex molecules like phytate, making them no longer useful for your animals (Fig. 1). This results in less mineral supply to effectively support the animal performance. In addition, phytic acid is able to form complexes with trace minerals that are very stable and highly insoluble, rendering the minerals unavailable for absorption. High concentrations of calcium increase the phytic acid mediated antagonism on trace mineral bioavailability. The macro minerals calcium and phosphorus are antagonistic. Calcium suppresses zinc and manganese availability, while phosphorus is antagonistic with zinc.



Unfortunately, many of the NRC trace mineral requirement values are based on research from the 1960's and 1970's and many nutritionists believe these recommendations are inadequate to support the needs of modern poultry strains and also as a cheap 'insurance' against poor performance and due to concerns with the consistency of quality of ITMs. One of the paradoxes of this practice is that dietary antagonisms can actually be increased, so more can actually be less and environmental depositions of trace minerals are also increased.

ITMs tend to dissociate in the low pH environment of the upper gastrointestinal tract of the bird. When the dissociated trace mineral reaches the more neutral pH of the small intestine, it is susceptible to various nutrient and ingredient antagonisms that impair absorption and thus reduce the bioavailability.

**Not All Organic Trace Minerals (OTM) are same:**

The differences between various organic minerals are based on mainly the type of the ligand or organic molecule that attach with the metal and the type of bond between the ligand and the mineral.

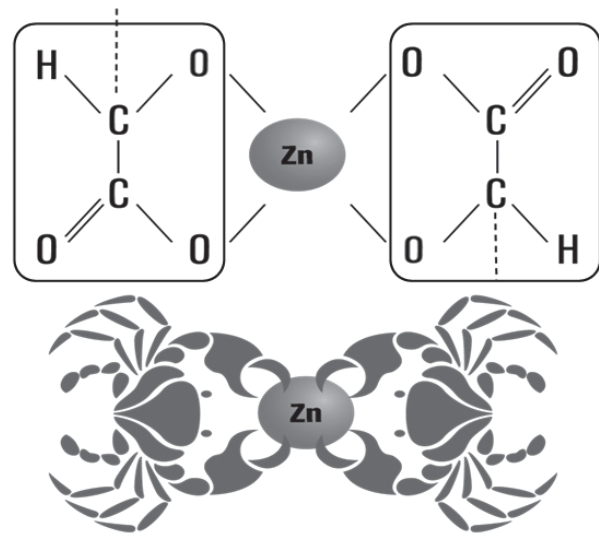
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**Understanding Chelation:**

The word Chelation arrived from the Greek word “Chela” which means “Pincer”. When a ligand connects to a metal atom at 2+ points, it forms a chelate. To form a stable chelate, multiple ligands need to connect to the metal. If only one ligand

connects to the metal, it is technically a “metal complex” rather than a “chelate”

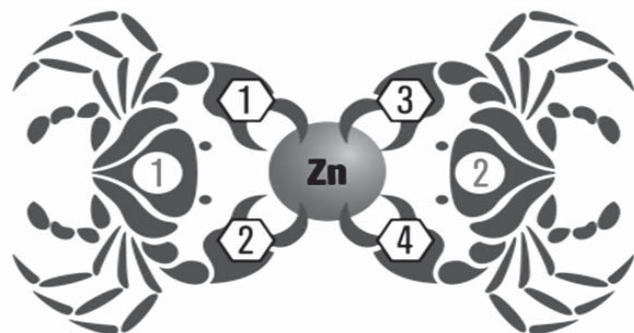


(Kratzer F.H., & Vohra P. 1986. Chelates in Nutrition. CRC Press Inc.)

when two five member rings connect to the metal with two points of contact it forms the most stable complex found in nature.

**Bis-Chelates:**

A bis-chelate has very specific characteristics to ensure that the metal has maximum protection. In addition to have a 2:1 ligand to metal ratio, the most important characteristic is that it must have a neutral charge. Bis Chelates have 2 chelate rings. Bis-chelates are formed when **4 atoms connect to the metal** in the center. A mono-chelate does not exist. As previously mentioned, a molecule with only one ligand and a metal is a “metal complex”



**The most stable chelation rings are those formed by hydroxy acids**

**THE 4 ATOMS AROUND THE METAL SHARE AN ELECTRON TO CREATE A MOLECULE WITH A NEUTRAL CHARGE.**

When the HMTBa-chelated trace mineral molecule reaches the site of mineral absorption in the small intestine, the combined influence of the pH of the unstirred water layer (pH 2) of the intestinal mucosa and the higher binding affinity of the mineral receptor on the intestinal cell membrane breaks the bonds of the molecule, freeing the trace mineral. The free trace mineral and the HMTBa are then absorbed separately across the epithelium of the small intestine for utilisation in the animal.

The HMTBa ligand, a lipophilic organic acid is absorbed by diffusion or by a carrier system and converted to L-methionine by the animal. Biochemical and growth performance experiments have demonstrated that the HMTBa from HMTBa chelated trace minerals has the same methionine value as unchelated HMTBa. Therefore, in all feed formulations, the trace mineral-HMTBa chelate can replace a portion of the supplemental synthetic methionine.

**Measuring the Bioavailability of OTM:**

Intrinsic, extrinsic, and luminal factors can affect mineral bioavailability (Nelson, 1988; Ashmead, 1993). The variable reports of organic mineral bioavailability in animal systems are likely due to interactions among these factors. Tissue mineral experiments often provide useful data in mineral availability, but these experiments measure only a fraction of the mineral that is taken up by the animal. Minerals are absorbed by the small intestine, and then distributed via the bloodstream to other tissues. Therefore, tissue mineral levels only measure the mineral that is distributed to those particular tissues, and as such may not reflect total mineral uptake. The tissue mineral experiments measure only the amount of mineral that has entered into the particular tissue, rather than the total mineral delivered to that particular tissue.

The solution to this problem is to use of biomarkers like Metallothionein (MT) in the animal in the small

intestine where minerals are absorbed. Metallothionein's expression is regulated by Zinc status. When zinc is absorbed by a cell, it must be bound up quickly into protein, because free zinc is toxic. The cell therefore responds to zinc uptake up synthesising MT mRNA (as an intermediate) and then MT protein. The MT protein is then able to bind up to 7 zinc atoms, (for Cu its 10) until it is needed by other enzymes in the cell. Research has shown in many tissues from a wide range of species, MT mRNA and protein expression increase when more zinc is taken up, and decrease when less zinc is taken up. Therefore, metallothionein mRNA or protein expression is often used as an indicator of the zinc status of humans and animals and to evaluate the bioavailability of different zinc sources.

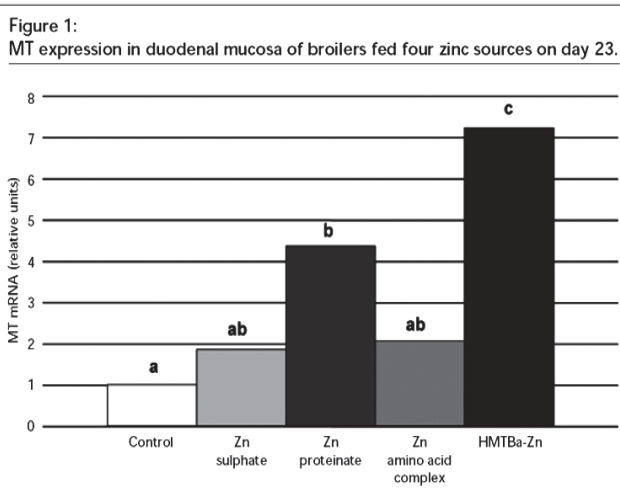


Figure 1 shows an example of using small intestinal metallothionein mRNA expression as an indicator of zinc bioavailability. In this experiment, broilers were fed control diets or diets supplemented with 40 ppm zinc from the indicated sources. Because zinc absorption occurs in the small intestine, differences in metallothionein expression here would be expected to more closely represent relative bioavailability than tissue zinc levels would. Measuring tissue minerals or mineral dependent biomarkers can be the easiest and most straightforward measures to generate a quantitative estimate of mineral bioavailability.

It seems likely that some OTMs truly will not be more bioavailable than ITMs, due to their inability to

staychelated or complexed in the lowpH environment of the upper GItract. On other occasions, however,true differences in bioavailabilitycould be masked by experimental design. Using tibia zinc content as the measure of bioavailability, indicatedthat the bioavailability of zincmethionine relative to zinc sulphateranges from 117% to 206% in broilerchicks, depending on the diet matrix.

the upper gastrointestinal system, thereby minimising mineral losses to antagonists and allowing the complex to be delivered to the receptor sites of the small intestine for improved mineral uptake.

**Summary:**

Only by truly understanding the structure and consistency of a given OTM source and by rigorously investigating its bioavailability through a variety of methods you can be assured of the

predictability and consistency of the animal's responses to OTM supplementation. With new research and extensive commercial experience proving the superiorbioavailability of HMTBa chelated trace minerals, you can now formulate to reduce overall supplementation of trace minerals, without compromising (and sometimes increasing)

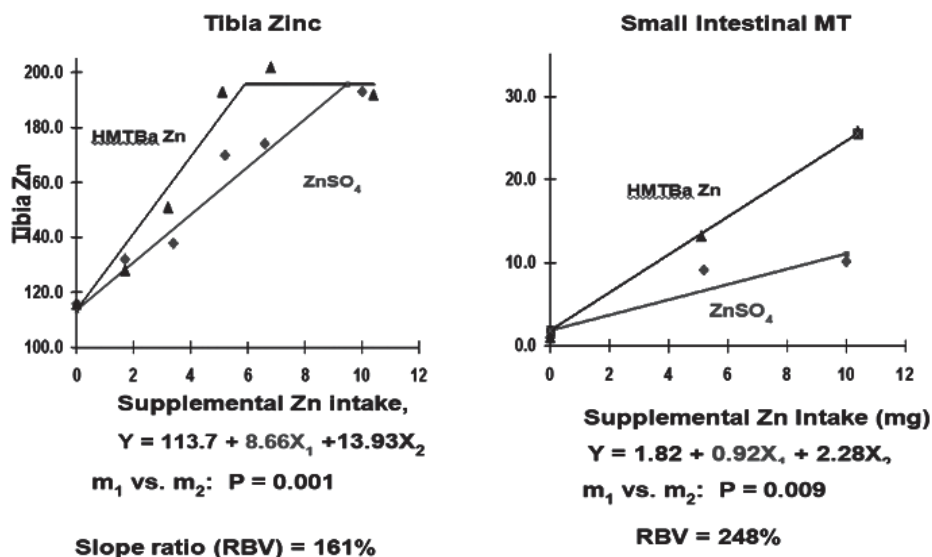
performance while reducing excretion into the environment.

The superior bioavailability of HMTBa-chelated trace minerals helps producers and nutritionists address key production challenges including gut health, nutrition, structural integrity and protection against oxidative stress, which contribute tobetter control of wet litter syndrome, bone and egg shell strength and footpad dermatitis.

Considering the risk of mineral loss, combined with the profits you might be throwing away, the value is clear. You can't afford not to re-evaluate your current program and consider the alternative solutions that chelated trace minerals provide.

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**Figure 2:**

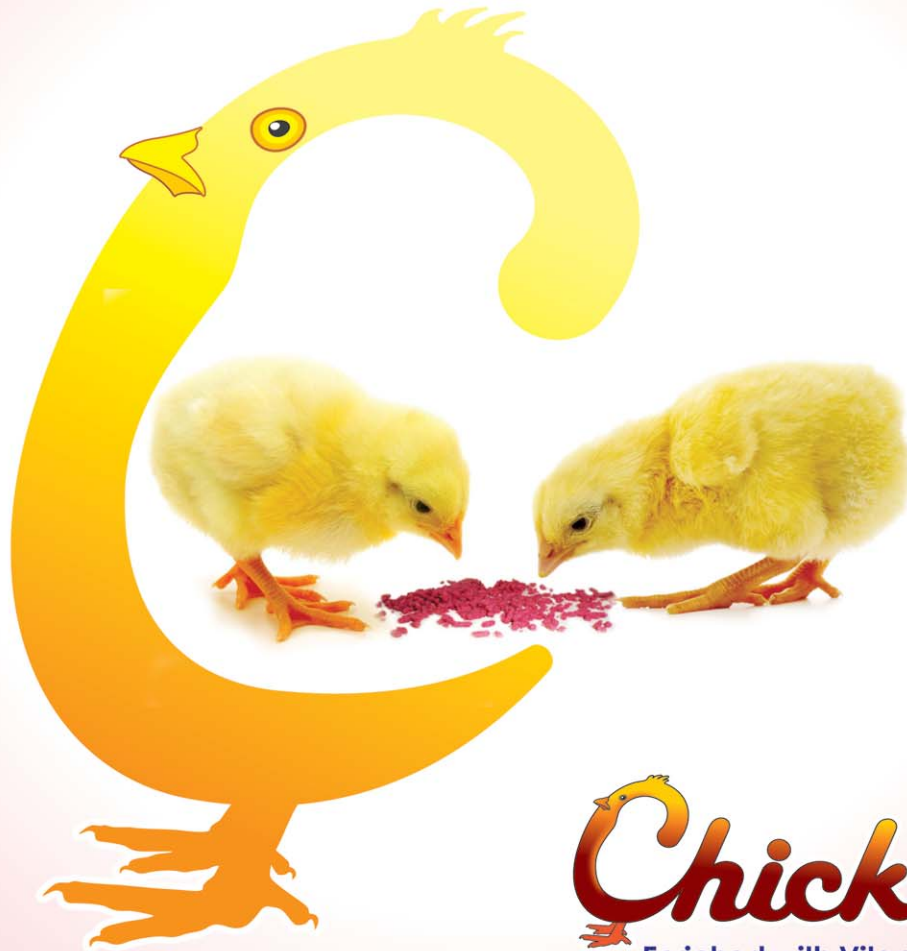


A study of Zn-HMTBa performed (Figure 2) on the linear portions of the dose response curves indicated that the zinc from this source was approximately 160% or 250% as available as the zinc from zinc sulphate, depending on the response variable measured (tibia zinc; or the small intestinal expression of the zinc responsive biomarker, metallothionein; respectively).

**Less is more – reduce and replace**

Many people are using ‘reduce and replace’ – replacing all or some of the ITMs with organic trace minerals (OTMs) to avoid the problem of antagonisms and reduce environmental deposition of trace minerals. A potential advantage of OTMs is that the binding of the organic ligand(s) to the mineral should provide stability of the complex in

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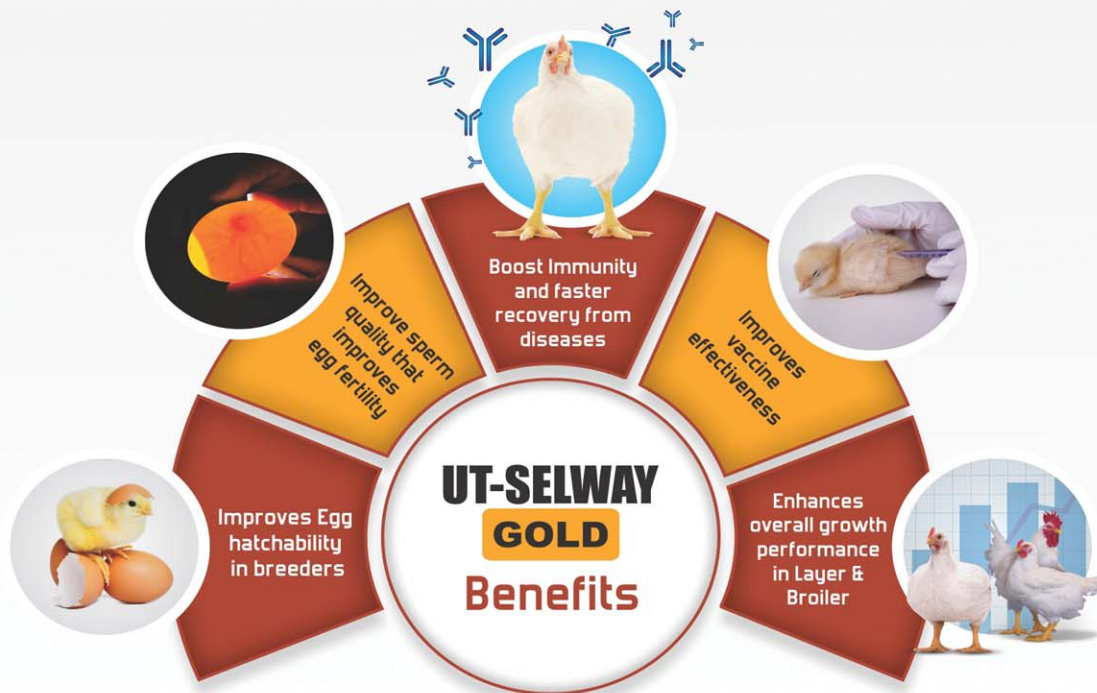
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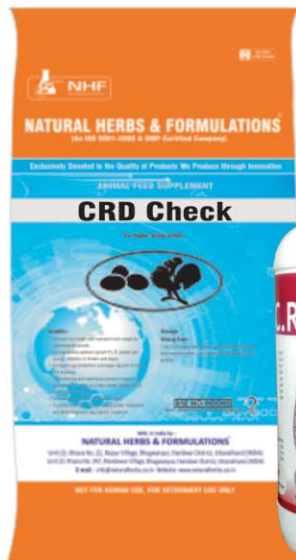


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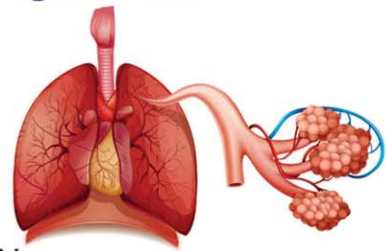
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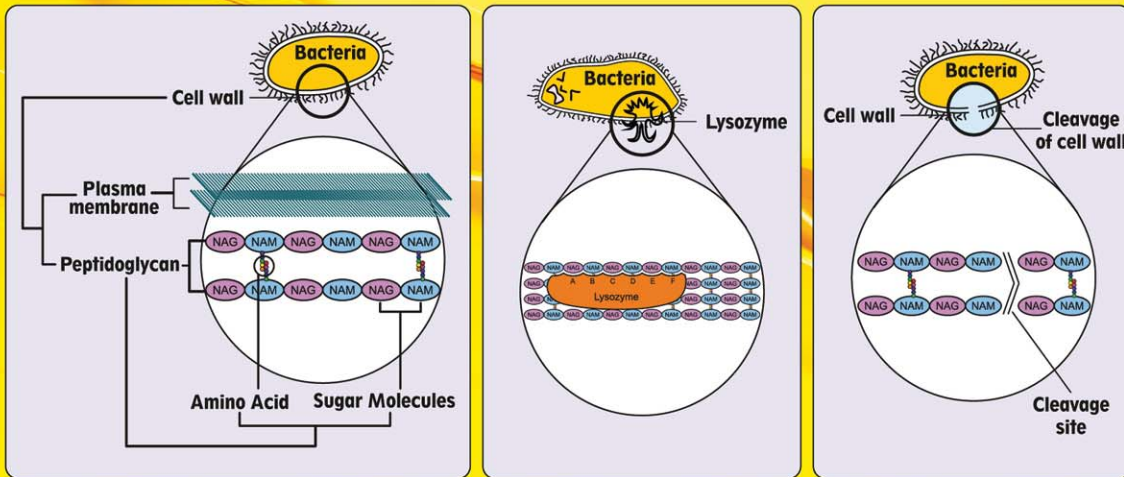


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# Avian Pox Viruses: A Bane to Organized Poultry Sector

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## Introduction:

Avian pox is a relatively slow-developing disease characterized in birds by proliferative lesions on the skin of the head, toes, legs or mucous membranes of the mouth and upper respiratory tract. Systemic infections may also occur. *Avipoxvirus* subgroup as genus of the family *poxviridae* contains a number of species and strains that vary in their pathogenicity and host specificity. This widespread avian disease has been found in bird families such as Phasianidae (Pheasants, Partridges, Jungle fowl, Chickens, Turkeys, Quail, and Peafowl) and Emberizidae (Buntings, Finches, Grosbeaks, Juncos and Sparrows). In most birds, avian pox infections are mild and rarely result in death. However, when lesions are on mucous membranes of the oral and respiratory cavities or on the eyelids, mortality can be high. Those avian populations that have been isolated on islands (for example, Canary Islands, Hawaiian island chain, Galapagos Islands) are more greatly impacted than are birds in continental situations where the hosts, vectors, and viruses have had a longer co-evolutionary history. As with many other diseases that are density dependent, avian pox transmission is enhanced with increasing vector and host densities. Therefore, this disease is found to have a greater significance in captive situations such as zoos, bird rehabilitation centers and game farms where birds occur in much higher densities than in the wild. In the wild, the warmer and mesic regions of the world support more potential vectors, thus in these areas the prevalence of avian pox is higher, particularly in locking wild birds.

## Historical Perspective:

Avian pox infections were among the earliest described avian diseases because of the ease in identification of the obvious external lesions. Bollinger in 1873 and Borrel in 1904 were the first to demonstrate a relationship between histologic lesions and structure of inclusion bodies, setting the stage for histopathologic techniques being employed to confirm visual diagnoses. Evidence that avian poxvirus was associated with the inclusion bodies and was the etiological agent was conclusively demonstrated by Woodruff and Goodpasture in 1930. Cunningham in 1966 cultured avian pox virus on the ectodermal chorioallantoic membrane (CAM) of embryonated chicken eggs. Today, identification of avian pox strains has moved into the molecular arena, with the use of Gel-electrophoresis and PCR (Polymerase chain reaction) analyses of mitochondrial DNA sequences.

## Virus Characteristics:

Avian pox virus particles are large, about 150 to 250 nm by 265 to 350 nm in size and are either oval or brick-shaped and covered with irregularly spaced surface knobs. Fowl pox virus multiplies in the cytoplasm of epithelial cells with the formation of large intracytoplasmic inclusion bodies (Bollinger bodies) that contain smaller elementary bodies (Borrel bodies). The inclusions can be demonstrated in sections of cutaneous and diphtheritic lesions by the use of Haematoxylin and Eosin (H&E), Acridine Orange or Giemsa stains. Genomes of avian poxviruses are composed of a single double-stranded, 300 Kb DNA. This DNA

containing, enveloped virus develops in the cytoplasm of infected avian epithelial cells. Avian poxviruses can withstand extreme environmental conditions, particularly desiccation, sometimes surviving on perches and in dried scabs for months and years. Much of this can be attributed to the very large size of the virus. The virus is resistant to ether, with the pigeon pox virus being resistant to both chloroform and ether. Avian pox virus particles can withstand 1% phenol and 1:1,000 formalin for nine days, but that 1% potassium hydroxide or heating to 50°C for 30 minutes (or 60°C for eight minutes) inactivates the virus.

Based on host specificity, poxvirus strains have been identified and classified as mono-, bi-, or tri-pathogenic. A Northern Flicker (*Colaptes auratus*) virus strain is a good example of a monopathogenic strain because among 19 species of inoculated wild and domestic birds, only the Northern Flicker was found susceptible to infection. Scientists have argued that strains adapted to various avian hosts were not different enough to consider them valid poxvirus species because their basic virus characteristics appeared to be identical. However, utilizing recent increases in the sophistication of molecular research, Avian poxviruses have been listed as Fowlpox, Turkeypox, Canarypox, Pigeonpox, Quailpox, Sparrowpox, Starlingpox, Juncopox and Psittine poxviruses as valid species. To this species list, further additions include Peacockpox, Penguinpox, Mynahpox, and Albatrosspox viruses.

#### **Epidemiology:**

The geographic distribution of avian poxviruses is worldwide with a higher prevalence rate in temperate and warmer areas of the globe. The distribution of avian pox in Wild Turkeys (*Meleagris gallopavo*) over North America revealed that even within continents, avian pox distributions tend to be confined to localized regions since the disease was found concentrated in the moister and warmer southeastern United States, even though Wild Turkeys occur in every state except Alaska. In remote islands of the globe such as Hawaii (USA), Galapagos (Ecuador) and Canary Islands (Spain),

it was observed that the disease spread rapidly with much higher prevalence rate in the native avifauna compared to introduced avian species. Reports indicate avian pox infections in 278 bird species from 70 families and 20 orders. It is interesting that avian pox has never been reported from Tinamous (Tinamiformes), Loons (Gaviiformes), Nightjars (Caprimulgiformes), and Kingfishers (Coraciiformes). Avian pox has been regularly observed in waterfowl such as ducks and geese. Avian pox has been also reported in Falconiformes, Columbiformes, and Psittaciformes.

There are a number of biotic and abiotic factors that affect the distribution and prevalence of avian pox. Weather conditions, host densities and numbers of poxviruses that are present all interact in a synergistic fashion to mold the epizootiological framework of avian pox distribution among bird species and their populations. These factors also determine in a large part the character and primary causes of an avian pox outbreak. The other important factors influencing avian pox epizootiology are host susceptibility and numbers of vectors that occur within a certain space and time of the environment. Avian pox can occur at any time of the year in wild birds. In temperate regions, where vectors are not active during the winter period, infections occur primarily in the summer. In warmer regions of the world, avian pox is reported throughout the entire year, but most often during fall and winter months. It is at this time that host densities are highest because young-of-the-year are present, complemented by the post breeding flocking behavior of many bird species. In addition, those vectors that are specific to poxvirus transmission are usually most abundant during the fall and early winter period. In California, avian pox infection occurred throughout the year in a population of House Finches, but highest prevalence was during the fall and winter months. In Florida, peaks of avian pox infection in Wild Turkeys were observed in fall that occurred subsequently to peak mosquito activities. In Hawaii, peak infections were found in fall and early winter. In temperate regions of North America, during the

fall and early winter the cutaneous form of avian pox is most common, whereas late in the winter the diphtheritic form predominates.

#### **Transmission:**

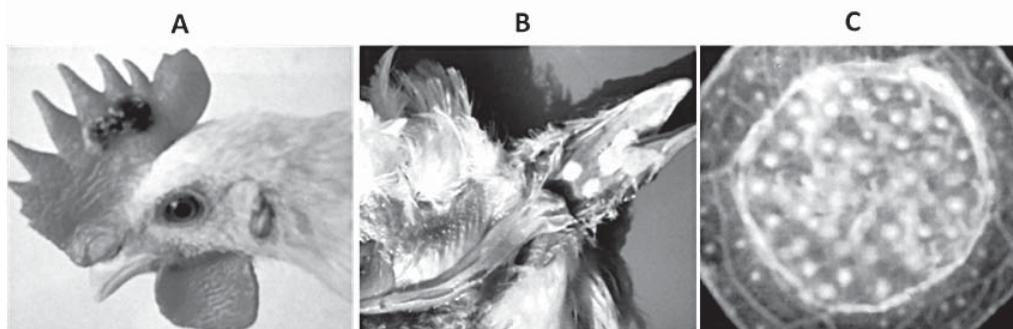
Avian poxviruses can be transmitted in a number of different ways. Even though they are unable to penetrate unbroken skin, small abrasions are sufficient to permit infection. The most common method of transmission is by means of biting insects such as mosquitoes, mites, midges, and flies. At the time of year when vectors are at the highest numbers, avian pox transmission is greatest. Many biting insects have been shown to be mechanical vectors only, transferring virus from infected to susceptible birds by contamination of their skin-piercing mouthparts. Transmission can also occur directly by contact between infected and susceptible birds or by contact with contaminated objects such as bird-feeder perches. Aerosol transmission, although rare, can occur from viruses being carried along with dust, particularly in confined situations.

#### **Clinical manifestations:**

Avian pox occurs primarily in two different forms: (1) the skin form (most common), in which discrete, wart-like, proliferative lesions develop on the skin (**Fig. A**) and the less common diphtheritic form (**Fig. B**), in which moist, necrotic lesions develop on the mucous membranes of the mouth and upper respiratory tract. A third form, systemic infection, is rarely found in wild birds. Lesions are most common on the unfeathered parts of the body—the legs, feet, eyelids, base of the beak, and

the comb and wattles of gallinaceous birds. A preponderance of lesions on the eyelids may cause mortality, as seen in granivorous birds, such as pheasants, quail, and turkeys that have become unable to see and cannot find food. Moreover, when birds are blinded in the wild, emaciation follows and birds quickly succumb because of the inability to procure food or due to predation. In wild birds such as Albatross (*Diomedea immutabilis*) that have webbed feet, pox lesions appear along the ramifications of blood vessels in the foot webs. Focal epithelial proliferation and later necrosis and sloughing occur mainly on the plantar surfaces of the webs and toes. When fully developed, these lesions appear as circular pocks, 3 to 5 mm in diameter, with central areas of necrosis, bordered by zones of erythema. In perching wild birds, lesions start as a swelling on the toe, leg, or facial region. The swelling appears smooth, reddish, and dome shaped. Eventually the swelling cracks or bursts and lesions begin to form.

In some advanced cases, lesions are present on both mucous membranes and skin. Lesions of the mucous membranes, particularly of the mouth and upper air passages, most often result in high mortality. In chickens that had the diphtheritic form of pox, mortality rates were higher than in birds with cutaneous pox. In canaries, acute systemic infections are commonly associated with many deaths. In the wild, birds are rarely found alive with advanced avian pox infections because they usually die or are preyed upon prior to reaching this level of intensity.



**Fig A: Pock lesions in the comb of poultry due to Fowl pox Virus**

**Fig B: Diphtheritic lesion in upper respiratory tract of poultry due to Fowl pox Virus**

**Fig C: Pock lesions in Chorio-allantoic membrane of embryonated egg**

**Pathogenesis:**

Upon successful entry of the poxvirus into avian host epithelium, within one hour the virus penetrates cell membranes and then uncoats prior to synthesis of a new virus from precursor material. In the host dermal epithelium, biosynthesis involves two distinct phases, the first being host response during the first 72 hours, followed by synthesis of infectious virus from 72 to 96 hours. Beginning at 36 to 48 hours, synthesis of host DNA is accompanied by epithelial hyperplasia, with host DNA declining abruptly at 60 hours. Hyperplasia ends at 72 hours with a 2.5-fold increase in cell numbers. The replication of viral DNA in the avian host begins between 12 to 24 hours, followed by an exponential rate of synthesis between 60 to 72 hours. The ratio of viral to host DNA increases up to 2:1 at 100 hours, with the maximum titer of virus attained following cell proliferation. The next phase consists of a relatively long latent period, with areas of viroplasm within the cytoplasm surrounded by incomplete membranes. The viroplasmic particles condense and acquire an additional outer membrane to become incomplete virions. These virions migrate to vacuoles of the inclusion bodies and thus acquire a membrane coat. The virus then emerges from the cells by a budding process, resulting in an additional outer membrane that is obtained from the cell membrane. This process produces the classical inclusion body (Bollinger body) that is observable via light microscopy. Bollinger body is not always a structure indispensable for the development and maturation of avian pox in birds and that infectious virus may be produced by cells in which matrix inclusion bodies only are present.

In chickens, cutaneous lesions become inflamed and hemorrhagic just prior to regression. Desiccation and scab formation then follows, with eventual sloughing and replacement by normal skin. This same pattern also occurs in wild birds, but

cutaneous lesions are few and the whole process of development, regression, and healing of lesions may be much prolonged. Perhaps the fewer number of lesions in wild birds occurs because of a high natural resistance to infection, combined with minimal host response.

**Diagnosis:**

The visual observation of lesions on birds does not represent a definitive diagnosis of avian pox infection. Candidiasis, Capillariasis, and Trichomoniasis all cause lesions in the oral cavity that look similar to the diphtheritic form of avian pox.

**Virus isolation in embryonated eggs & cell culture:**

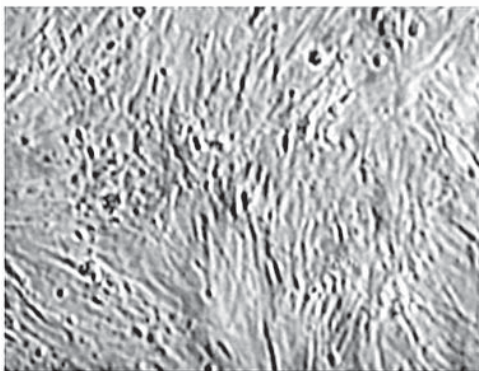
Isolation via the propagation of virus on chorioallantoic membranes of chicken embryos should be used as the definitive diagnosis showing characteristic pock lesions (**Fig. C**). Histopathological examination of the CAM lesions will reveal eosinophilic intracytoplasmic inclusion bodies following staining with H&E. However, some strains of avian poxvirus in wild birds such as Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) cannot be cultured on chicken egg CAM, so they were cultured in Peregrine Falcon eggs itself. Reports suggest the use of House Finch eggs to culture the avian poxviruses from Hawaiian bird species such as Hawaii Amakihi (*Hemignathus virens*), Apapane (*Himatione sanguinea*), Laysan Finch (*Telespiza cantans*), and Scarlet Honeycreeper (*Vestiaria coccinea*).

Different cell cultures have been used for the propagation of FPV like Chicken Embryo Fibroblasts (CEF) (**Fig. D**), Chicken Embryo Liver (CEL) Culture, Chicken Embryo Kidney (CEK) Culture, Duck Embryo Fibroblasts (DEF) and Chicken Embryo Dermis (CED) Culture. Cell cultures derived from embryonated chicken eggs offer an economic and convenient means for pursuit of many virus investigations as well as for production of effective viral vaccines. FPV as well as eleven



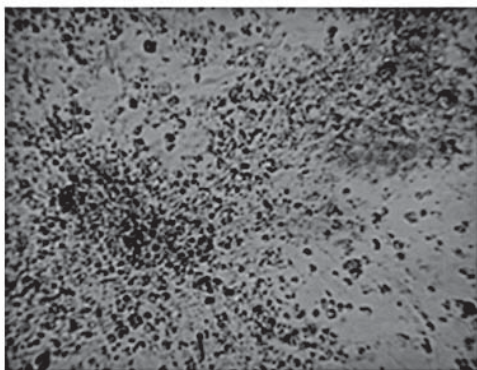
Avipox virus isolates including Junco Pox and Pigeon Pox grew well in Quail Testis-35 (QT-35) cell lines but was unable to grow in mammalian cell lines. Further, Avian pox viruses can easily be propagated in continuous Duck Embryo cell lines such as DEC-99. Characteristic cytopathic effects (CPE) produced by Avipox virus isolates include an initial phase of rounding of cells followed by a second phase of degeneration, plaque formation, necrosis and sloughing of monolayer (**Fig. E**).

**D**



**Fig D: Uninfected monolayer of Chicken Embryo Fibroblast (CEF)**

**E**



**Fig E: Infected CEF cells showing rounding, necrosis, degeneration & plaque formation**

#### **Electron Microscopy:**

Demonstration of typical avian poxvirus particles by electron microscopy would provide a positive confirmation of an avian pox infection. Electron microscopy of avian pox inclusions reveals viral

particles embedded in a rather homogeneous matrix, typical of poxviruses.

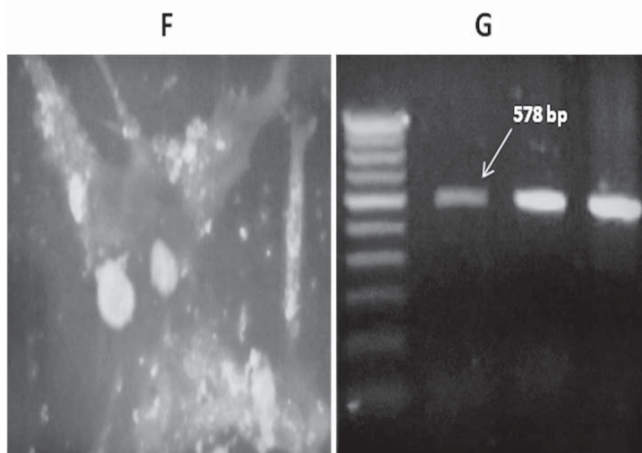
#### **Serological Tests:**

Serological tests such as Virus Neutralization (VN), Agar gel immunodiffusion (AGID), Passive Haemagglutination, Immunoperoxidase Test (IPT), Fluorescent Antibody Test, Immunoblotting (FAT) as well as Enzyme Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA) are used routinely to measure specific humeral antibody responses against avian poxviruses. AGID is helpful but the test suffers from limitations such as cross-reactions since one cannot differentiate different species or strains of avian poxvirus. AGID is designed to detect avian poxviruses that cross-react with FPV and pigeon pox virus strains that commonly affect domestic birds. ELISA has replaced AGID as it is used in commercial flock monitoring kits. VN tests are more specific but are technically more demanding. Passive haemagglutination is more sensitive than AGID. The test will give cross-reactions among avian pox viruses. FAT along with IPT has been used by researchers to detect the presence of fowl pox viral antigens in whole chicken embryos as well as cell cultures (**Fig. F**) and it was noticed that the areas undetected in IPT for presence of virus revealed fluorescence in FAT indicating it to be more sensitive than IPT. However, IPT has the advantage that the sections can be examined with the light microscope and can be stored for an extended period without loss of colour. Antigenic variations between strains of fowlpox virus can be evaluated by means of immunoblotting or Western Blotting. However, Western Blotting is not convenient for routine diagnosis.

#### **Molecular Methods:**

Restriction fragment length polymorphism (RFLP) analysis can be used for comparison of field isolates and vaccine strains of fowl pox virus. However, this procedure is not used in routine diagnosis. Cloned genomic fragments of FPV can be used effectively

as nucleic acid probes for diagnosis of fowl pox. Viral DNA isolated from lesions can be detected by hybridization either with radioactively or non-radioactively labeled genomic probes. This method is especially useful for differentiation of fowl pox from infectious laryngotracheitis when tracheal lesions are present. Genomic DNA sequences of various sizes can be amplified by the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) using specific primers. This technique is useful when there is only an extremely small amount of viral DNA in the sample. A nested PCR has been developed targeting the 4b core protein gene of FPV in which external primers amplified 578 bp (**Fig. G**) DNA fragment while internal primer pair amplified a 419 bp fragment.



**Fig F: IFAT of CEF showing presence of Fowl pox Virus (FPV)**

**Fig G: PCR amplicon (4b core protein gene of FPV) in scab, diphtheritic lesion & CEF**

#### **Prevention and Control:**

Avian pox virus outbreaks that are being transmitted by vectors, control should be targeted at reduction of vector populations. Control can also be achieved by preventing vector access to birds. Where birds are being artificially concentrated, such as in aviaries, feeders and perches should be sterilized at least every two weeks using antiseptic cleaning agent such as bleach. In aviaries, diseased birds should be kept in separate, isolated, screened

cages. Scientists have found that applying powders of sulfur directly to the lesion or giving it orally proved beneficial to birds infected with avian poxviruses. Removal of the lesions and washing in bicarbonate soda may prove useful, but caution needs to be taken not to further spread the virus. Applying silver nitrate, iodine, or 1–2% saline solution directly to the lesion has also shown some success in reducing the level of infection. Broad-spectrum antibiotics are routinely given to birds with avian pox in an attempt to reduce the chance of secondary bacterial infection.

#### **Vaccination:**

Vaccination of healthy chickens aged 8 weeks or older is recommended but at least 4 weeks prior to start of lay. When used properly, vaccine will prevent clinical signs caused by the virulent field strains of fowl pox virus. Evidence of successful immunization with vaccine can be determined by examining a flock 7-10 days after vaccination for 'takes'. A take consists of a swelling of the skin or a scab at the site where the vaccine was applied and its presence is evidence of successful immunization. Swelling and scabs will disappear at about 2 weeks following vaccination. The absence of take may indicate that the birds were immune before vaccination or that improper vaccination methods were used. Fowl pox vaccine is applied by a wing web stab method. Passively acquired immunity is a crucial factor to be taken into consideration during vaccination of progeny from flocks that has been recently vaccinated. As passive immunity (for 2–3 weeks) may interfere with vaccine virus multiplication, such progeny should be vaccinated only after the decline of passively acquired antibody.

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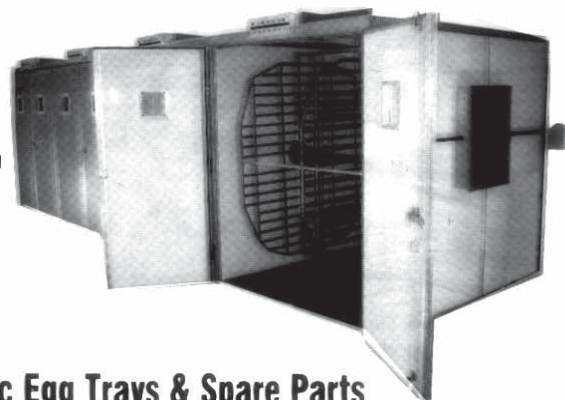
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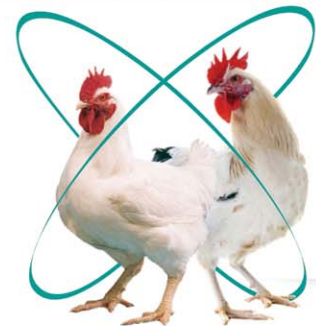
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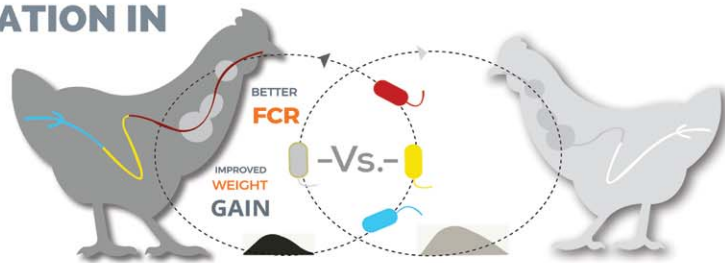
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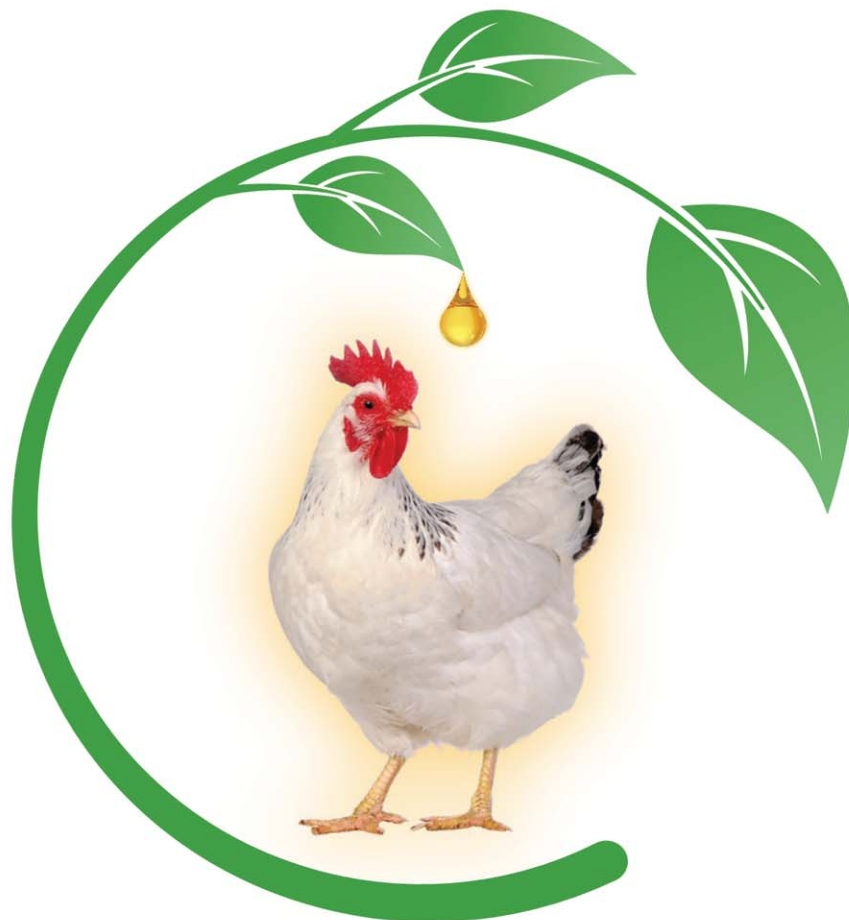
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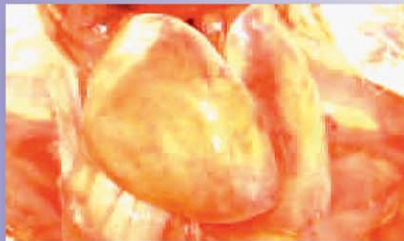
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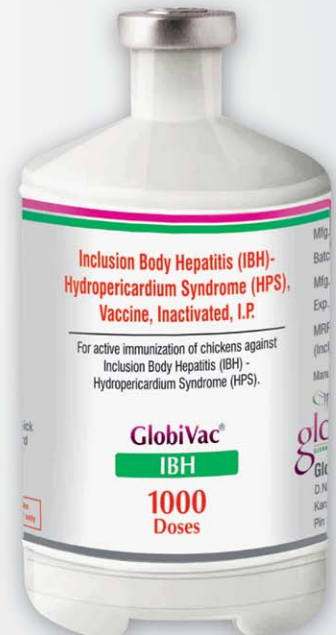


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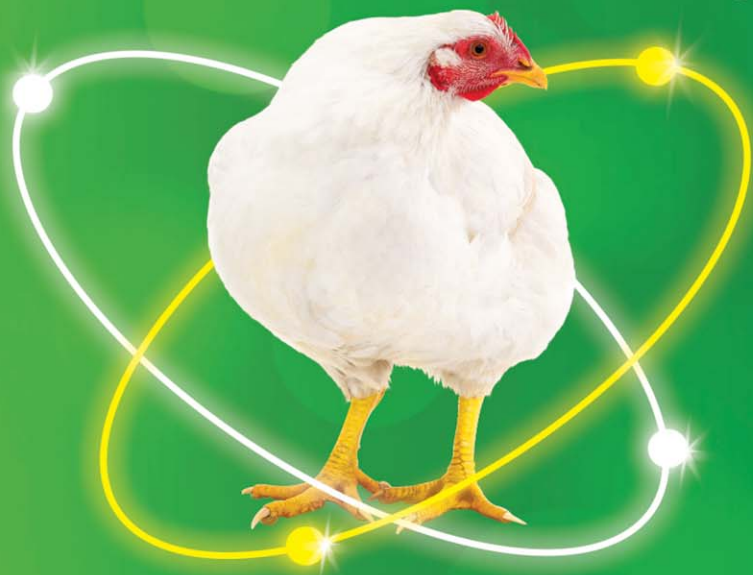


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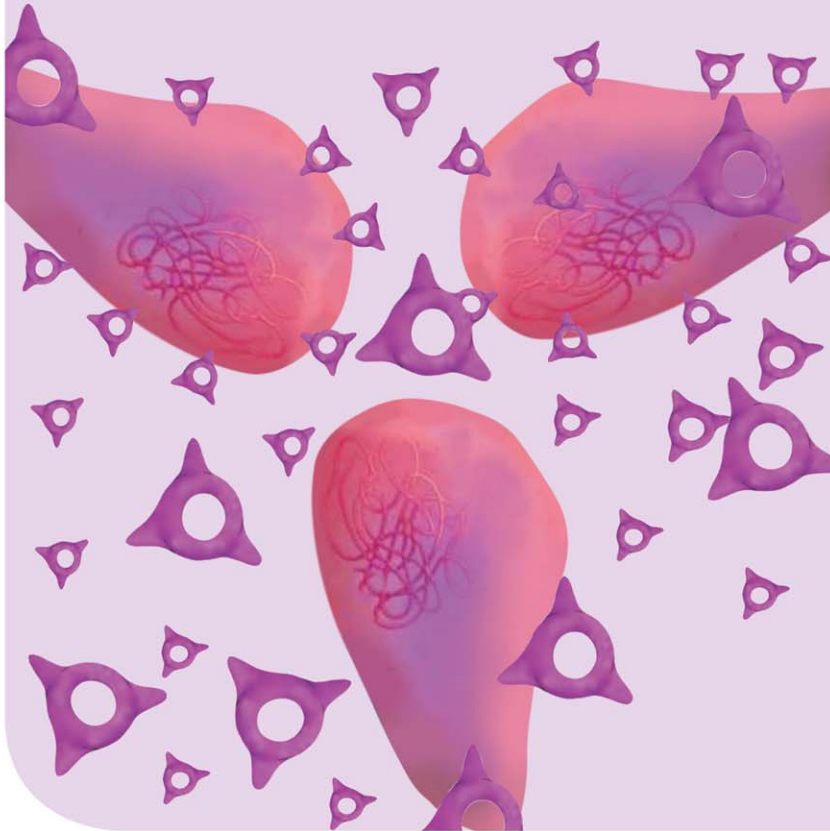


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# Bacterial Chondronecrosis with Osteomyelitis

## A costly cause of lameness in poultry



Bacterial chondronecrosis with osteomyelitis (BCO) was first reported in 1972 and is now recognized as an important factor to cause lameness in poultry production. Recent research in Northern Ireland indicated that 17.3% of birds with lameness has BCO lesions. Other research in the US showed that leg problems cost the commercial broiler industry between US\$80 and \$120 million annually.

During the last decade the lameness condition caused by bacterial infection has been reported with various names; femoral head necrosis, tibial head necrosis, proximal femoral degeneration, long bone necrosis but nowadays BCO is widely accepted as the common term for this condition.

### **Antibiotic-free solutions to control BCO lameness**

Watch Prof Robert Wideman of the University of Arkansas and Luis Valenzuela of BIOMIN discuss how to identify and control bacterial chondronecrosis and osteomyelitis (BCO) lameness in poultry without antibiotics.

### **Occurrence**

BCO is a common cause of lameness in US and Europe that typically affects 1.5% of broilers grown starting at around 30 days of age. In Asia, the incidence of BCO may be lower at around 1%, as production cycles tend to be shorter, though subclinical issues and mortality do occur.

Furthermore, BCO can contribute to product quality issues, e.g. consumers reject product where the white cap of articular cartilage separates from the femur head.

About 10-15% of broilers suffer from subclinical BCO, a condition that appears first in younger birds (Thorp et al., 1993). BCO increases mortality due to culling and selection, and results in lower body weight gain and higher FCR as affected birds suffer impaired mobility and are unable to move towards feeders and drinkers as frequently as they should.

BCO may be present and negatively influence flock performance and health even though it is not recognized as such. In one example, Prof Wideman cited a country he visited where multiple individuals claimed that BCO was not a problem locally. However, it turned out that 40% of the mortality in broilers domestically were being culled due to lameness caused by bacterial chondronecrosis with osteomyelitis. That means producers should be diligent: "In my opinion, wherever broilers are being grown, this [BCO] is going to be a problem—an important problem," stated Prof Wideman.

### **Causes of BCO lameness**

BCO lameness is caused by bacterial infection of the femoral or tibial head, which can result in femoral and tibial head necrosis. Several research results showed that *Staphylococcus* spp., *Enterococcus* spp., *E. coli* and *Mycobacterium* spp. are the most common bacteria isolated from joint

lesion in the birds with BCO lameness. As all of these bacteria above are members of the intestinal microbiota, these findings suggest the translocation of bacteria from the gut to the joints through the gut barrier.

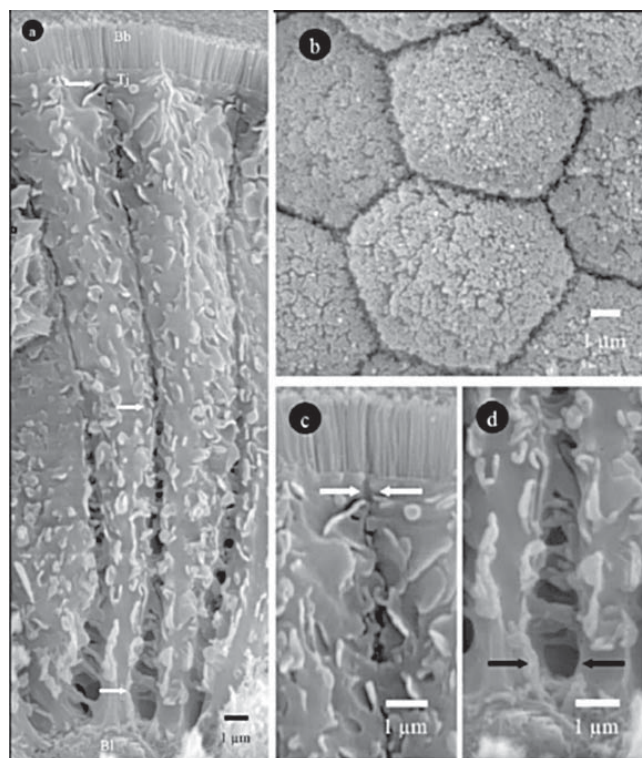
From what we know of the pathogenesis of BCO, pathogenic bacteria (e.g. *Staphylococcus* spp., *Enterococcus* spp. and even *E. coli*) harbored in the gut gradually leak through the intestinal epithelium, make their way into the circulation and trigger the infections. Hence, the primary focus is to improve intestinal health and barrier function to protect against bacterial translocation responsible for BCO

Intestinal bacteria in the lumen of the intestinal tract can penetrate into the lamina propria through the weakened physical barrier, and penetrated bacteria can move to the other organs including joint via the blood stream. Once the bacteria reach to the growth plates of long bones, they are harbored in microfractures and begin to destroy the bone minerals.

Tight-junction is the structure in the intestinal tract to seal the apical boundaries of enterocyte, which consist of more than 40 proteins. Actin attachment in tight-junction enable it to close and open accordingly. It is one of the physical barriers in the innate immune system located in the intestinal tract, which prevents luminal antigens or bacteria from entering into mucosa and reaching into blood stream, resulting in bacterial translocation

Disrupted tight junction as intestinal barrier is compromised in a variety of clinical symptoms, such as lameness from chondronecrosis and spinal cord related neurological sign from osetomyelitis. Although the working mechanism of tight-junction is not clearly determined, it is obvious that the regulation of the tight-junction is closely regulated by the beneficial microbiota in the gut. The colonization of the gut with poultry probiotics can help reduce the translocation of pathogens into the bloodstream. Some studies suggested the possibility to regulate the tight-junction with methionine and cinnamaldehyde, but these

nutritional approaches are still controversial.



**Figure 1. Villi in intestinal tract and tight-junction structure (Arrow), Picture from Bohórquez et al, 2011**

### **Disruption of tight junctions**

Regulation of tight-junction can be impaired by several factors, including dysbiosis, mycotoxin and stress. Dysbiosis is defined as a disturbed intestinal microbiota composition, which has emerged as the most common intestinal problem in poultry production. As intestinal microbiota play a critical role in maintaining intestinal homeostasis, including tight-junction, dysbiosis condition impaired the tight-junction regulation resulting in leaky gut. Several mycotoxin including Deoxynivalenol (DON), Fumonisin (FUM) and Aflatoxin B1 (AFB1) can also impair the gene expression for protein to consist of tight-junction, resulting in increased permeability of intestinal epithelium. Recent research indicated that high level of glucocorticoid from chronic stress can down regulate the expression of tight-junction related protein (claudin-1).

### **Solutions**

Probiotics can help to minimize the BCO lameness by reduction of bacterial translocation from the gut.

In in-vivo trial conducted in Arkansas with wire-flooring model, Prof. Robert Wideman showed that broilers reared on wire flooring consistently had higher incidences of lameness than hatch-mates reared on wood-shavings litter and adding probiotics to the diet beginning at 1 day of age consistently reduced the incidence of lameness for broilers reared on wire flooring. These experiments indicate that probiotics administered prophylactically may constitute an alternative to antibiotics for reducing lameness attributable to BCO. The immunomodulation effect of the beneficial microflora with probiotic also helps the birds counteract this problem more efficiently.

**“A healthy gut is the backbone of performance,”** according to Luis Valenzuela, Product Manager at BIOMIN. Extensive research has identified 3 types beneficial bacteria that acts as drivers of good gut health in poultry, each inhabiting various parts of the gastrointestinal tract:

1. *Enterococcus sp.* originating in the jejunum,
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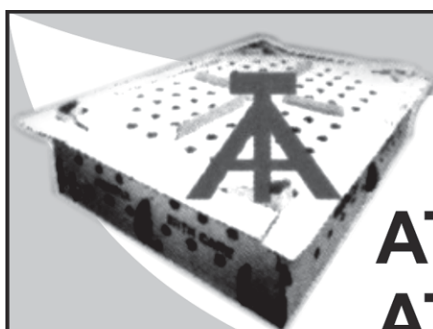
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## Producing Biogas from Waste and Sludge

WELTEC BIOPOWER to Present Solutions for Climate-Neutral Energy Generation at IFAT

At this year's IFAT, the world's leading trade fair for environmental technologies, which will be held in Munich, Germany, from 4 to 8 May, biogas plant manufacturer WELTEC BIOPOWER will again present its anaerobic digestion plants for industrial and municipal use. In Hall A4, at Booth 508, the internationally renowned biogas specialists will provide information on all topics concerning the use of organic waste and sludge for the production of energy.



The reference projects for the digestion of waste and the production of biomethane, which is equivalent to natural gas, include the WELTEC plant of the French potato chips manufacturer Altho, whose chips brand Bret's accounts for one third of the French market. Every year, the plant in St. Gérard, Brittany, produces about 1.75 million standard m<sup>3</sup> of biomethane from 22,000 t of production waste in the form of potatoes and starch as well as sludge from the internal wastewater treatment plant. This amount of the climate-neutral energy source corresponds to the gas consumption of a town of 5,000 inhabitants.

Altho benefits greatly from the biomethane production, which enables it to use its leftovers in a sustainable manner and cut greenhouse emissions. The annual savings amount to approximately 3,900 t of CO<sub>2</sub>eq. This corresponds to the emissions that more than 2,000 persons would cause with a flight from Munich to New York.

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„Custom-tuned biogas technology is a must”, says Jens Albartus, Director of WELTEC BIOPOWER. „Usually, anaerobic digestion plants will only encounter technical problems if the process technology does not meet the requirement profile.” For this reason, plant operators and investors should opt for a provider who has experience with various substrates and climate conditions. In its projects, WELTEC custom-tailors its plants so as to ensure stable, economic operation. In more than 300 planned and implemented biogas projects in

25 countries, the specialists have gained a wealth of experience with diverse framework conditions.

Regardless of whether sludge, abattoir waste or production leftovers are used as raw material, WELTEC thus guarantees a high energy yield. This is achieved with the right blend of expertise, smart processes and custom-tailored supervision by biologists and engineers. IFAT visitors will be able to get further information on the efficient conversion of organic waste to high-energy biogas and biomethane at the booth of WELTEC BIOPOWER (Hall A4, Booth 508)

### Company Portrait

**WELTEC BIOPOWER GmbH** is one of the world's leading enterprises in the field of stainless-steel biogas plant construction. The company has planned, developed and built anaerobic digestion plants since 2001. Today, the medium-sized company has about 80 employees at the headquarters in Vechta, Germany, and has established more than 300 energy plants in 25 countries worldwide. The global distribution and service network spans six continents. The range

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# Memorandum submitted to Deputy Commissioner of Sonapat by PFI

Sonapat , February 24- The president of poultry Federation of India Mr Ramesh Kumar Khatri today presented a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner of Sonapat, Dr Ansaj Singh on behalf of the Federation which was forwarded to the Prime Minister of India Mr Narendra Modi to save the poultry Industry which is on the verge of destruction.

After submitting a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner, Mr Khatri expressed apprehension that Government of India is planning to reduce the imported duty on chicken leg and this decision would destroy the poultry Industry of the country. He was of the view that by reducing the duty the poultry Industry would not be able to survive for long as the poultry sector has suffered a huge loss since last one year as the prices of raw material had increased manifold.

He further said that if the import duty which was being levied 100 percent at present would be reduced it would adversely affect the poultry Industry. He further maintained that if the American chicken industry would be promoted than it would be very difficult to save the self made poultry

farming sector worth Rs one Lakh crore and providing job opportunities to over two crore people of India.

The president asserted that the import duty should not be lowered from 100 percent to save the poultry sector. He expressed reservation and pointed out that the raw material including the prices of maize, Bajra and oil seeds had increased substantially which had adversely affected the poultry Industry. While detailing out the loss in the sector, he apprised that the cost of production of an egg is pegged at Rs four and 10 paise and the whole sale price of an egg in the market is Rs 3.50 per egg thus the industry is facing acute loss since last one year. He urged that a level playing field be given to the industry. He also demanded that the feed of Bajra and Maize be provided at the lower import duty as India was the largest consumer of the raw material. He further said that the poultry sector had great hope from the prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi as he had done a lot for the farmers of the country. With a view to double the farm income, a number of schemes had been launched including Prime Minister Farmers Samman





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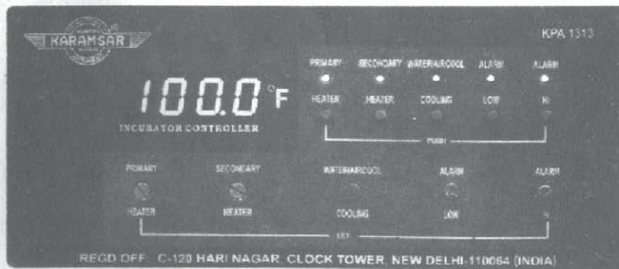
He hoped that the Prime Minister would protect the interests of poultry farming community and urged that the import duty should not be reduced from 100 percent rather it should be interested to save farming community of the country with out any political pressure to be exerted during the visit of present of America Donald Trump.



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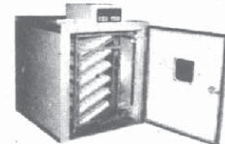
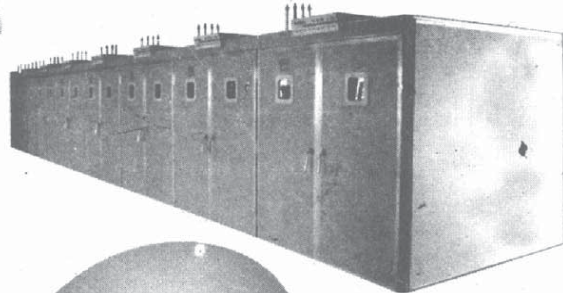
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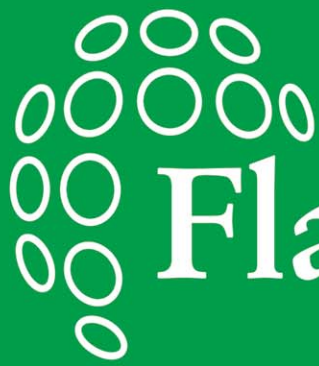
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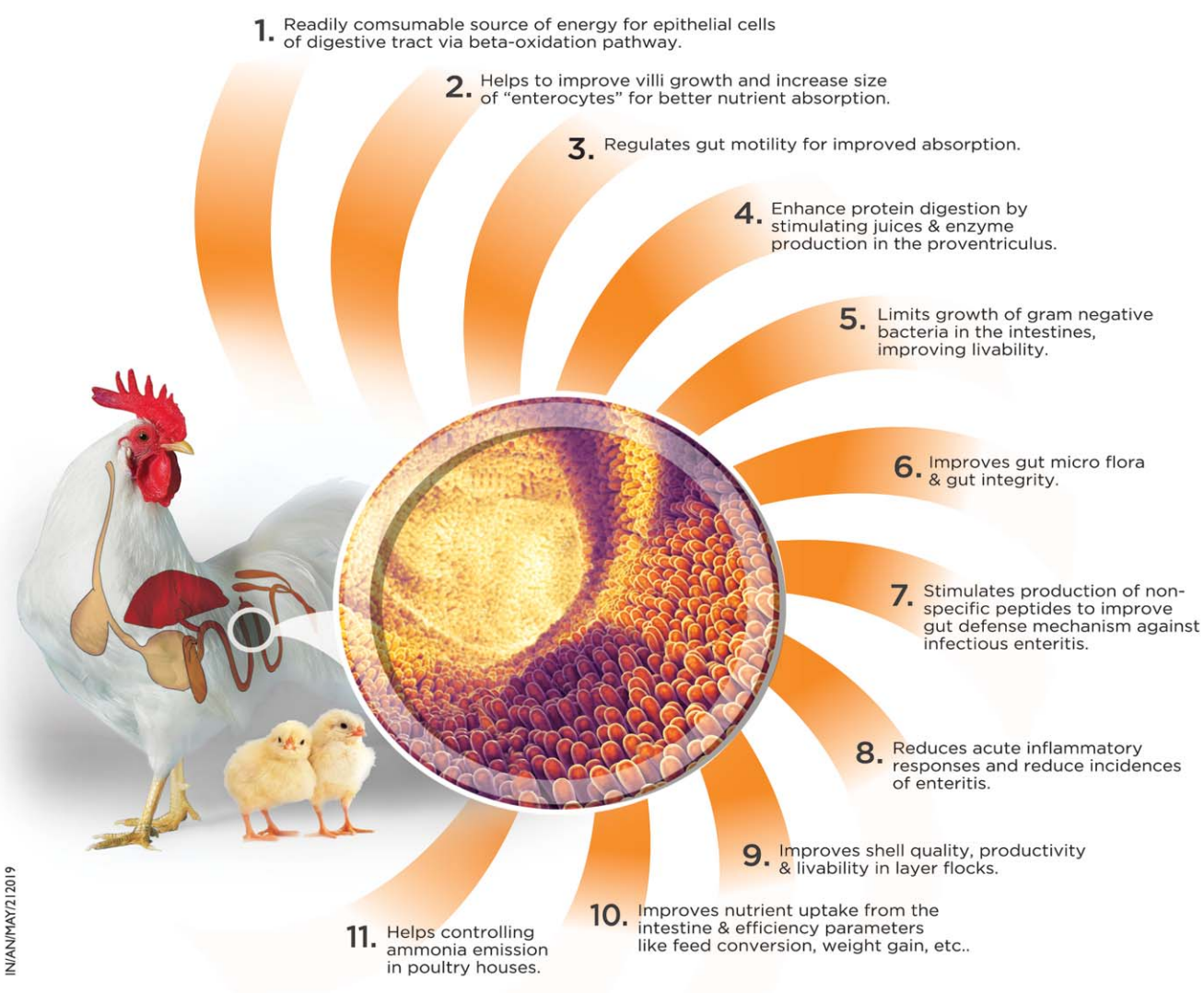


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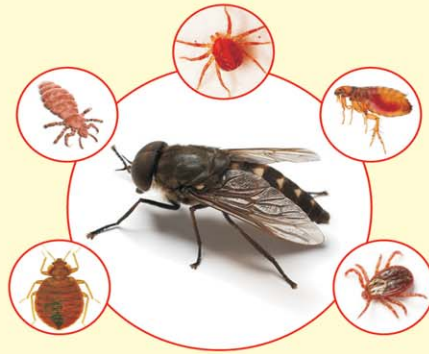
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*Between reducing the use of antibiotics and dealing with rampant bacterial infections of poultry, there is need to create safe prevention solutions, writes, Managing Director - Vetphage Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd.*

The poultry sector in India was valued at an estimated Rs. 80,000 crores in 2015-16. Thanks to increasing income and changing food habits, the demand for poultry meat as well as eggs is expected to grow steadily. The poultry meat production in the country stood at around 3.46 million tons in 2016-17, up from 3.26 million tonnes during the previous year. Similarly, the egg production also grew by around 6% during the same period. Notably, more than 80 per cent of India's poultry output is produced by organized commercial farms, while the remaining 20% comes from the unorganized sector often referred to as the backyard industry.

The growing consumption and production of poultry on commercial scale elicits a series of health and environmental concerns. Among them are concerns over bacterial disease as well as the disposal of infected birds. Prevention of diseases and ensuring healthy growth of chicken also remain significant concerns before farmers.

### **Bacterial diseases cause huge losses for poultry industry**

Bacterial disease causes multi-billion-dollar economic losses for the livestock industry. It is estimated that *Campylobacter* and *Salmonella* infections that are rampant in poultry together account for 9 in 10 reported cases of bacteria-related food poisonings globally. There exist more than 2,000 species of bacteria belonging to *Salmonella* genus, with almost all of them being potential pathogens of poultry. In fact, a study conducted on eggs in several retail outlets in India found that large amounts of salmonella were present both on the shell and inside the egg. Coliform infections or diseases resulting from *Escherichia coli* bacteria are another significant health concern recognized as a major cause of morbidity and mortality in chickens. Often, mass culling's are necessitated to curb such infections causing huge losses to the industry. The disposal of the culled birds which is often done through mass burials further leads to concerns of environmental degradation as water bodies and soil stands to be polluted.

To treat such diseases, poultry farmers are forced to use significant amounts of anti-microbials and other veterinary drugs and feed additives which together have negative implications on human and environmental health.

### **Growing threat of antibiotic resistance**

Estimates suggest that 70% of all antibiotics used are used in animal farming, while only 30% are used directly

in humans. In the absence of effective and safe alternatives that can prevent the disease, antibiotics are used to treat diseases and prevent disease among chicken. The entry of antibiotics in our food chain has far reaching consequences on human and environmental health.

Taking note of the global threat of antibiotic resistance, the non-therapeutic use of antibiotics in animal production has been banned in many countries. Sweden was the first country to ban the use of antimicrobials for non-therapeutic uses in the late 1980s. Denmark, the Netherlands, United Kingdom and other European Union countries have also followed suit. Recently, the Indian government has also banned the manufacture, sale and distribution of antibiotic Colistin (often considered a 'last hope' antibiotic) for poultry and animal feed supplements to preserve its efficacy in humans.

### **Need for safe alternatives**

However, it is important to underline that banning the non-therapeutic use of antibiotics is not enough. We also need to devise solutions to help farmers grow healthy poultry and prevent bacterial infections through natural mechanisms. Interestingly, using bacteriophage-based preventive solutions is emerging as a sustainable and healthy alternative for disease prevention in poultry. Bacteriophages or simply known as 'phages' are microorganisms that are a natural element of our environment and exist everywhere around us including in the gut. Phages eliminate or devour their selected bacteria in a natural way without interacting with animal or human cells. This makes them absolutely safe for poultry and human beings.

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Creating and popularizing such sustainable solutions is key to the overall health of poultry and human beings. It is also important that adequate awareness is raised among farmers about following correct disease management and control practices and end reckless use of antimicrobials.

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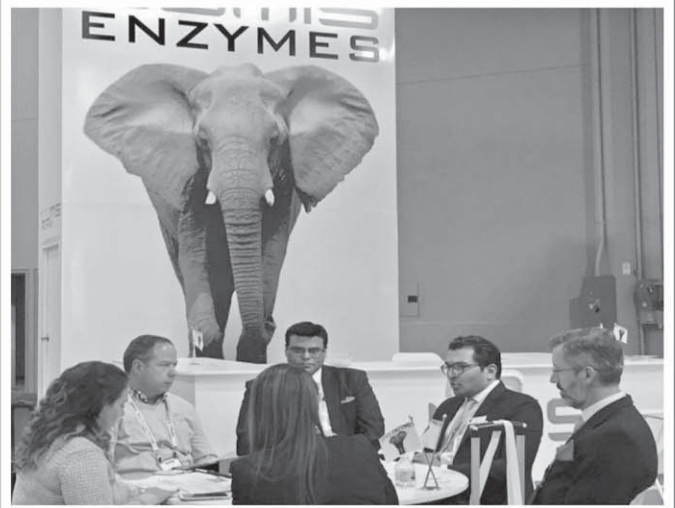
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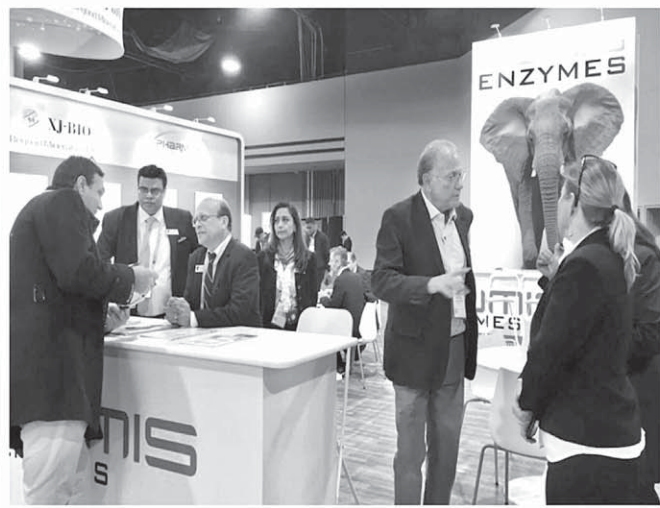
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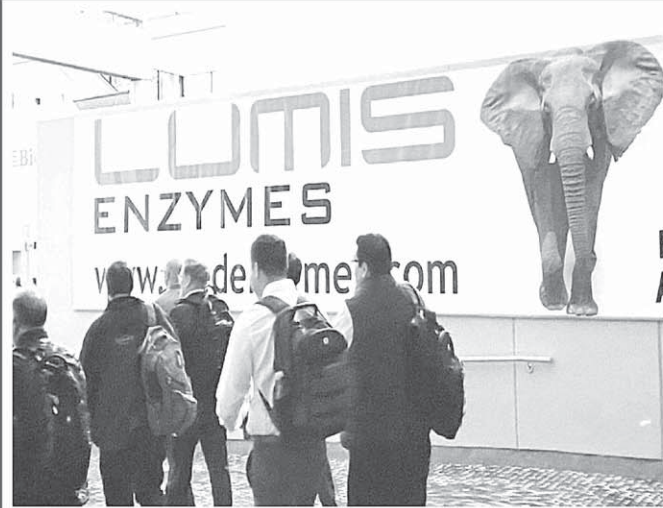
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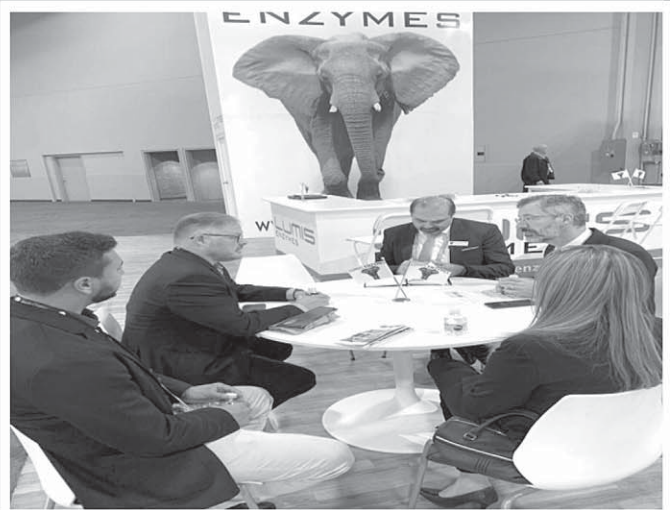
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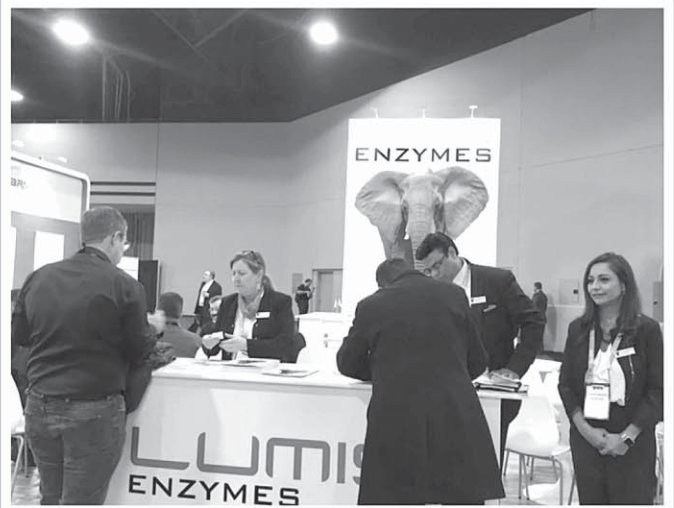
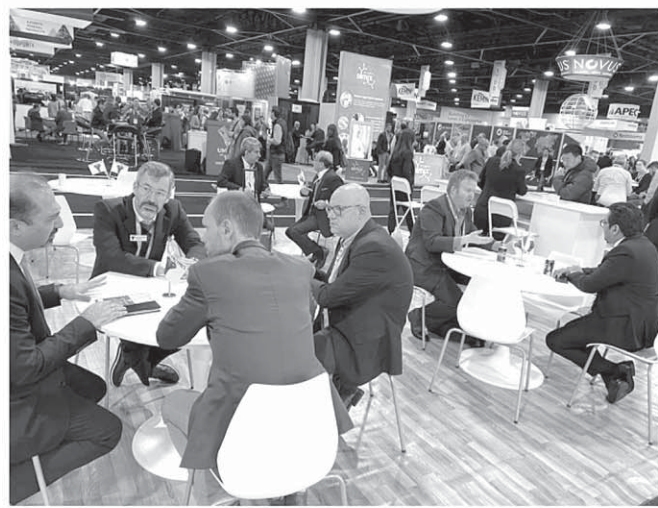
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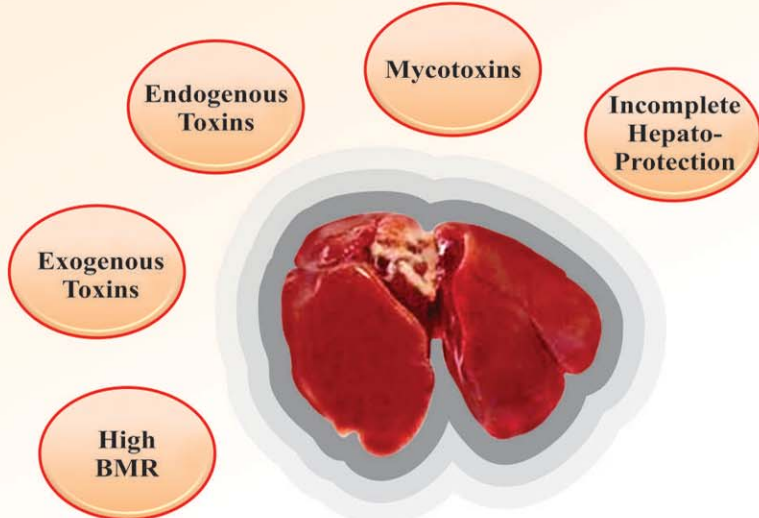


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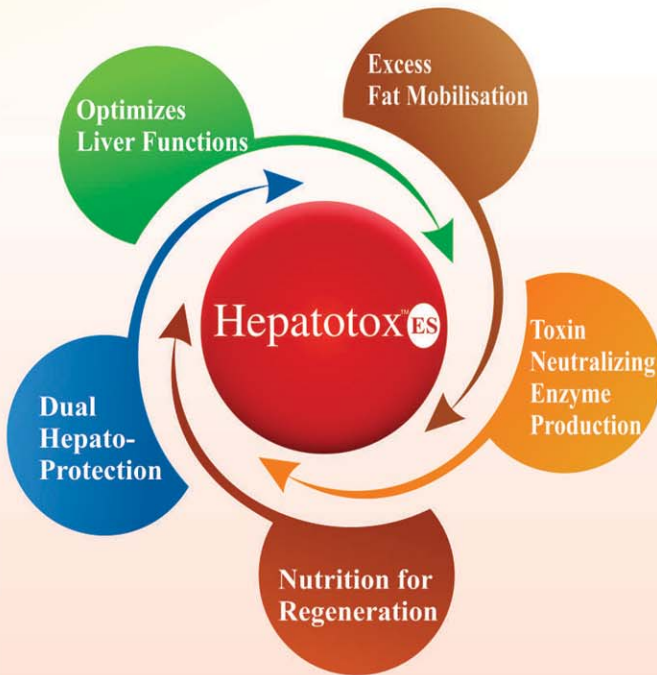
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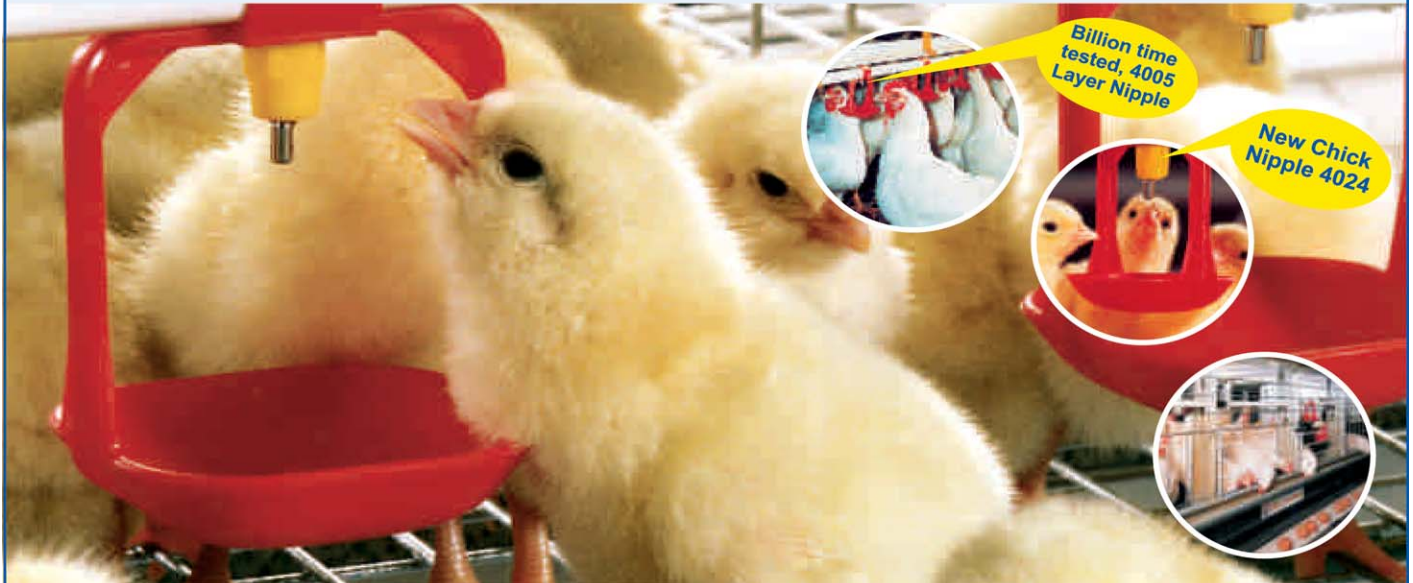
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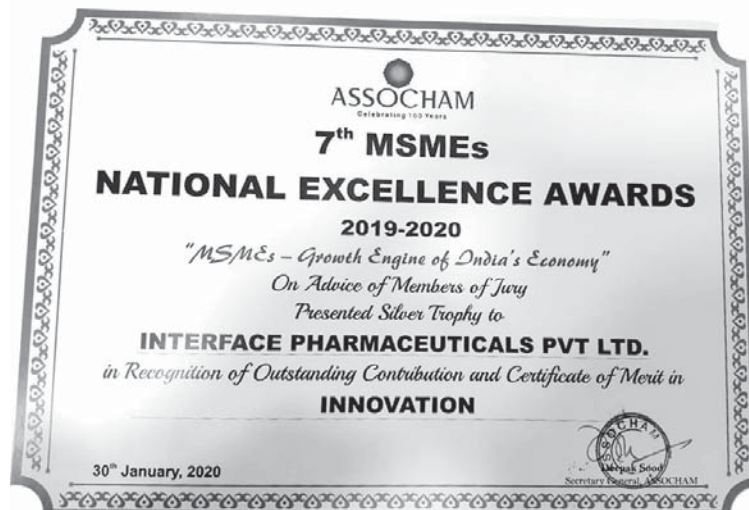
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## Alltech launches relief effort for Australian farmers



*The bushfires in Australia have destroyed an estimated 10 million hectares, claiming lives and killing wildlife and livestock. The Australia Farming Relief Fund will help provide goods and services directly to effected farmers, coordinated on the ground by Alltech family companies Alltech Lienert Australia and KEENAN Australia. Alltech is matching donations dollar-for-dollar.*

**Australia Farming Relief Fund will support producers impacted by bushfires**

[NICHOLASVILLE, Ky.] – Even as rain begins to fall in some parts of Australia, wildfires continue to devastate large portions of the country. The fires have already destroyed an estimated 10 million hectares, claiming 25 lives and killing wildlife and livestock. Alltech, a leading animal nutrition company, is lending its support to the country’s agriculture industry, launching a global fundraising

effort for farmers and pledging to match donations dollar-for-dollar. The Australia Farming Relief Fund will provide goods and services directly to producers and will be coordinated on the ground by Alltech family companies Alltech Lienert Australia and KEENAN Australia.

“The Australia Farming Relief Fund represents a coordinated effort among our Alltech family, suppliers, customers and the global agriculture industry to support the producers who feed our families and are the core of our rural communities,” said Mark Peebles, managing director of Alltech Lienert, which is located in Roseworthy, Australia. “The bushfires have been devastating, but Australians are resilient, and we are committed to rallying around our farmers as they recover from this crisis.”

As farmers assess the damage, the loss of

livestock is expected to exceed 100,000 animals. Producers, who were already contending with a three-year drought, are struggling to secure supplies and feed.

Alltech Lienert and KEENAN Australia will use their resources to distribute supplies either donated locally or purchased using donations from the Australia Farming Relief Fund. Such supplies will include hay, finished feed, feed supplements, silage, water troughs, fencing and non-perishable items. The companies will deploy their trucks and drivers to deliver supplies to producers in Victoria, South Australia, New South Wales (NSW) and Queensland. Team members will also volunteer their time to work alongside farmers, rebuilding fences, repairing sheds and providing any on-farm support they need.

The effort will initially focus on dairies, sheep and beef farms, and apiaries. Alltech is also exploring partnerships that will offer longer-term mental health support for farmers grappling with trauma as a result of the fires.

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## Nourishing Tradition with Modern Nutrition-Alltech hosts its 2<sup>nd</sup> Poultry Nutrition Summit in Goa

Over the past 25 years, poultry nutrition has focused on production efficiency. Today, it strives to maximise biological and economic performance. In future, poultry nutrition seems to tend towards production efficiency, biosecurity and food safety, environmental stewardship, and bird's welfare.

To get a handle on modern nutrition, after its first Poultry Nutrition Summit in 2017, Alltech counts date to conduct its 2<sup>nd</sup> Nutrition summit in March 27-29<sup>th</sup>, 2020, location set to be Goa. The 3 day conference explores the top innovation and technology trends, emerging business issues and possible solutions, connecting the business and science of poultry nutrition.

Poultry Industry, undergoing a disturbed market situation due to high price and supply shortage of raw materials had resulted in absorbance of loss from last fewer months. Tackling the situation lies in choosing the right alternative! Alltech Poultry Nutrition Summit is the one platform to get assisted on maintaining the economics without hampering the performance with a right nutrition.

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Dr. Steve Leeson, an eminent personality of poultry industry, who published 340 papers in referred

journals, over 1000 presentations at scientific and industry meetings world-wide and 8 books publication on poultry nutrition and management, will be addressing the audience as keynote speaker.

Steve Elliot, who is currently serving Alltech as a Global Director of Mineral Division who has been involved in the feed industry for more than 25 years, presents over the gathering, the health benefits of organic minerals.

Effective mycotoxin management is about seeing the whole challenge, from the farm to feed mill and from risk assessment to feed management. Dr. Nick Adams, Global Director for Alltech Mycotoxin Management marks his crucial presence to create awareness on mycotoxin management.

The summit is a platform to bring together nutrition experts and feed millers from all around South Asia to educate and build a valuable skill set about poultry industry.

"Whether your goal is to improve efficiency & profitability or to learn more about the latest nutritional & feed milling technologies to implement in your business, the Alltech South Asia Poultry Nutrition Summit is the place to be", says Dr. Aman Sayed, Managing Director- India and Regional Director- South Asia stressing the importance and benefit of attending the summit.

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### Post Budget Quote on behalf of Mr. Simon George, President, Cargill India



Budget with “Aspirational India”, “Economic Development” and “Caring Society” themes is balanced in its approach and would give a necessary boost to the economy.

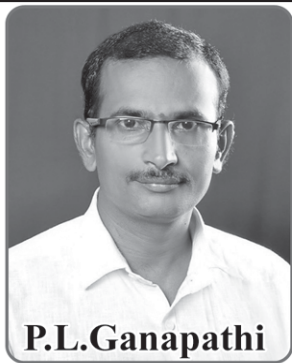
Government reiterated its commitment to doubling the farmer’s income by 2022, and announced a 16-point action plan to boost agriculture and farmers welfare, and Cargill India is committed to contributing towards the goal. Having said so, the government allocated 15 lakh crore for farmer’s credit pushing for their upliftment. Agriculture being the backbone of the nation it would be significant to see how the government would push the KrishiUdaan on not just national but international routes and enabling agri and farmers to be part of the global value chains, providing enormous value addition for farmers and the economy. In order to sustain a national cold supply chain for perishables, government announced that Indian Railways will implement Kisan Rail, which will be undertaken through the PPP model for rapid transport of perishable goods. Mapping and geo-tagging of agri-warehousing and setting up warehousing at the taluk level along with integrating warehousing receipts with the e-NAM will provide a great boost to the sector.

Agriculture amalgamated with rural development will see an allocation of Rs. 2.83 lakh crores. This

budget allocation will aid in enhancing productivity, improving the income of the farmers with access to markets that would eventually help in reducing farm distress; helping the sector to achieve the aspirational growth rate. With the renewed focus on job opportunities specifically for the rural youth, the budget ensures to boost the marine fishery for creating an optimistic future with a business outlook as well. On the other hand, teaching entrepreneurial skills to the youth is required in understanding what the potential markets holds for the farm sector.

Government’s initiative to encourage the states to adopt the 3 central model laws on agricultural land leasing, agricultural produce & livestock marketing and contract farming should go a long way to get these laws implemented on ground. The government’s plan to boost horticulture at the district level would surely result in a focused approach and the strengthening of JaivikKheti through incorporation of digital platforms is a much awaited reform. Renewable energy is the future and now the farmers can avail the technological advancement for their livelihood through establishing of solar grids and pumps. There is a need to educate the farmers to use the required technology to show desirable results.

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## Camlin Fine Sciences organized the expert's forum at Rajahmundry

Camlin fine sciences, the leading global feed additive producer in animal nutrition arranged the veterinary health expert's forum in presence of the poultry producers in Rajahmundry. The event held at hotel Shelton on 14<sup>th</sup> of February got massive response. The local poultry producers attended the meeting in large number.

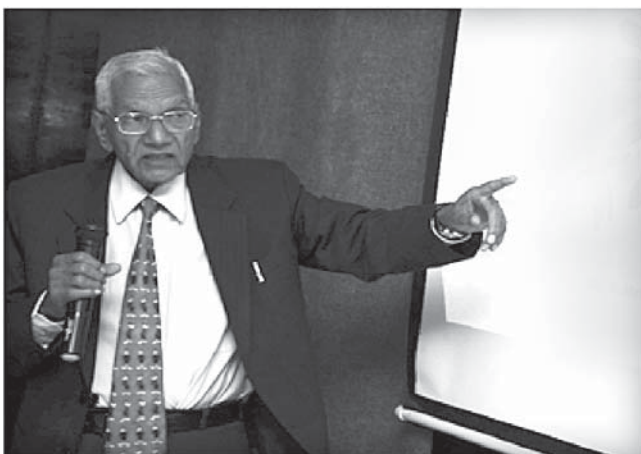
Dr Vegad was the honorable guest speaker, a globally recognized authority on avian influenza started the discussion with thorough overview of viral disease challenges and avian influenza. He addressed about most simple but important tasks that can help overcoming the disease challenge in prevailing challenging conditions of poultry farming.

The occasion after greeting Dr Vegad taken ahead by Dr Prasad Kulkarni, Business Head, CFS overviewing the global activities of organization and expansion of the service activities further. The unique and strong research-based product line of CFS was quickly overviewed with India and Asia expansion activities this year by the business leader. Further Dr Prakash Gosavi mediated



**Dr Prasad Kulkarni, Business Head for CFS overviewing the India and Asia operations**

connect of Legendry Dr. Vegad with all the expert veterinarians came all the way spending their valuable evening dedicated for the poultry fraternity.



**Dr Vegad presenting his masterly and mesmerizing speech on viral diseases with focus on avian influenza and disease management.**



**Dr Sharath Babu, senior health expert in Tanaku greeting senior expert Dr. Vegad during the event**



**Dr Buchiramayya, the health expert greeting Dr Vegad during the Discussion**



**Dr Venkateswarlu, greeting Dr Vegad**



**Active participation of audience during the event**



**CFS Team with legendry Dr Vegad including Dr Prasad Kulkarni, Dr Prakash Gosavi, Mr.Ganesh Reddy, and the channel partners Mr. Gunashakher Reedy, Mr. Surendra Reddy with organizer Mr. Krishna Reddy during the forum.**

Dedication and discipline in life plays most important role to keep good health with his live example was insisted by the enthusiastic presenter Dr Vegad further advised to follow for the poultry flocks by means of dedicated sanitation services at the farm.

Since more realistic and burning topic took hold of the audience all the expert admitted to keep focus on reducing the bioburden my means of cleaning and disinfection followed by good managerial practices and vaccination. Various conditions across the farms were discussed to propose solutions parted by Dr Sharath Babu, senior health expert, Dr Buchi Ramaiah, consultant and Dr Satynarayan Reddy, senior health consultant along with few more veterinarians present during the meeting.

The channel partners for CFS at Anaparthi Mr. Krishna Reddy (Andhra Poultry Services) and Vijaywada based distributors Mr. Gunashkher Reddy with Mr Surendra Reddy greeted the gathering. Successfully concluding event Mr. Ganesh Reddy, Key account manager, CFS remared crisp of discussion for the poultry producers and opened the topic for group discussion during the dinner.

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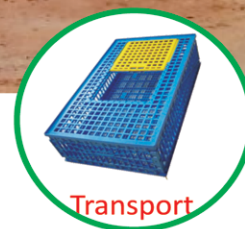
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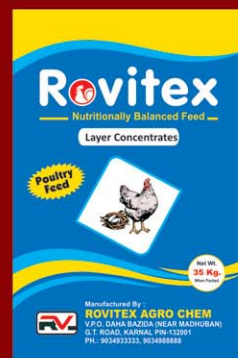
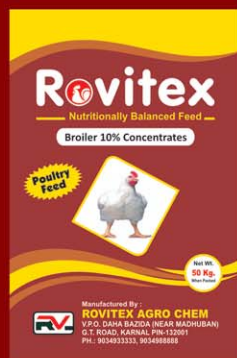
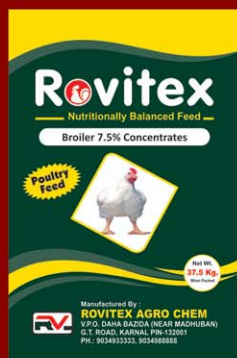
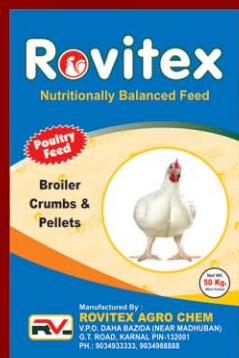
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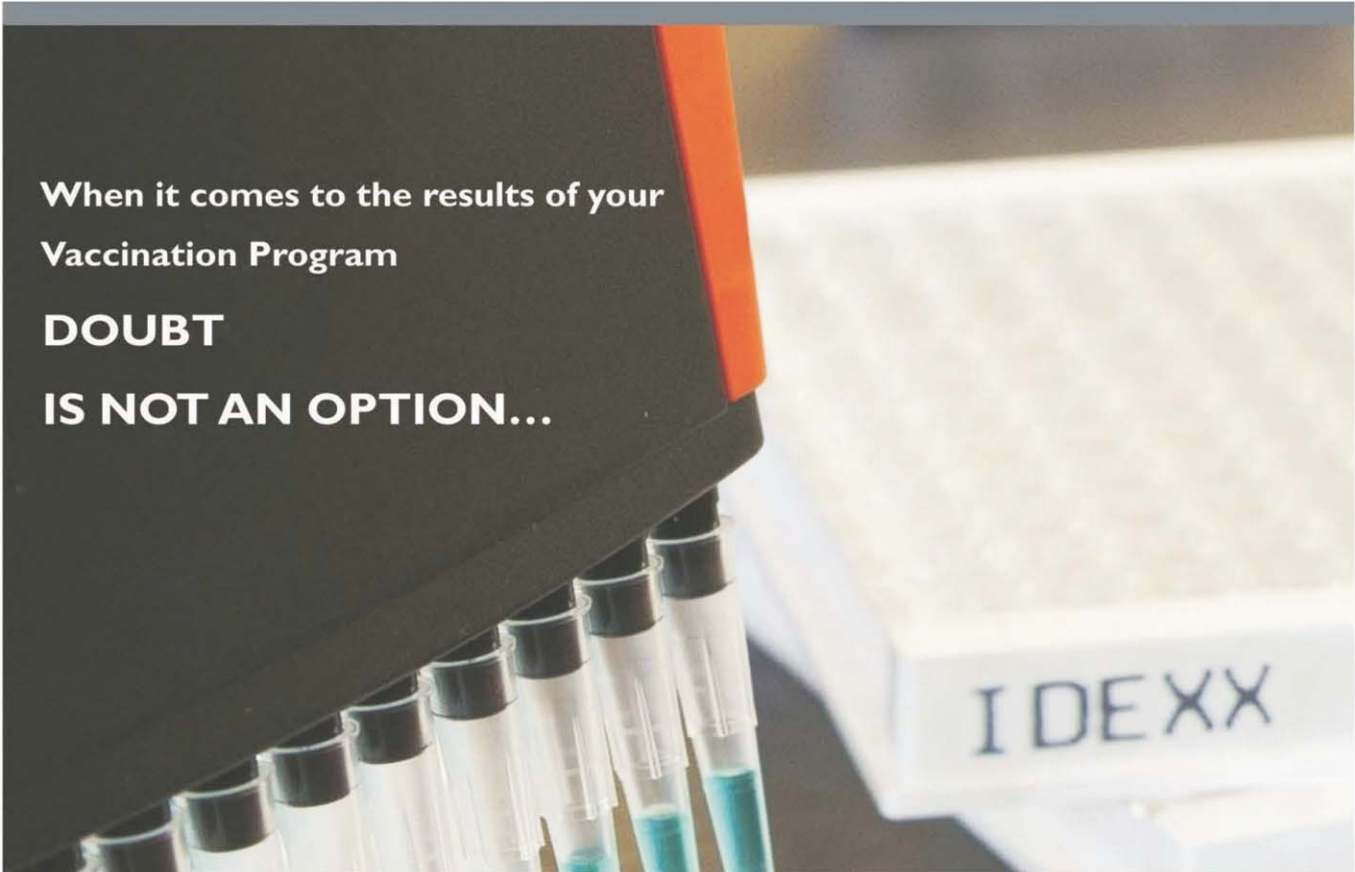
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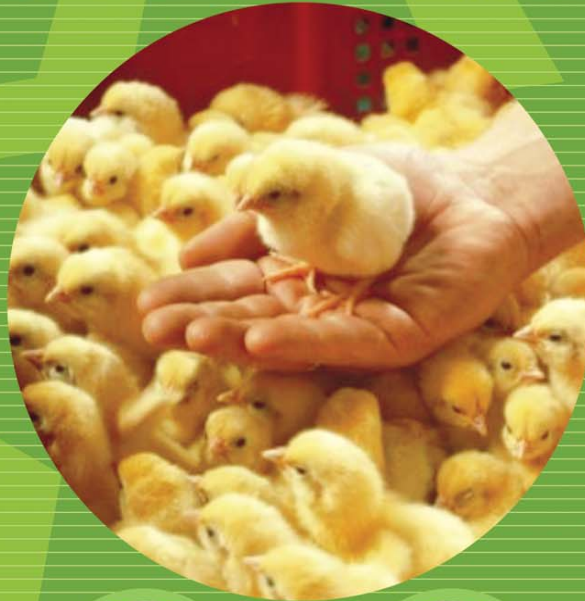
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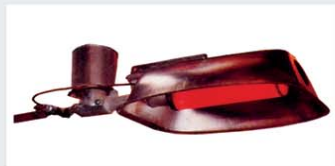
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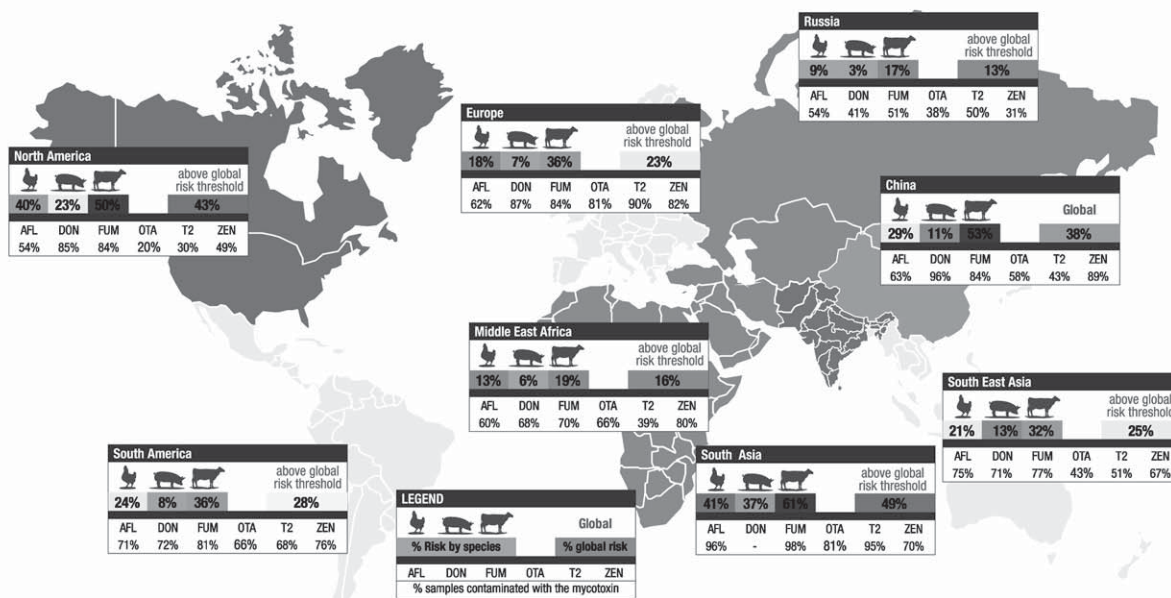
## January - December 2019

**PERIOD** Jan - Dec 2019

**ANALYSIS NUMBER** 282 277

**INGREDIENTS** 170+

**COUNTRIES** 55+



### CARGILL RECOMMENDED RISK THRESHOLDS

Risk thresholds (ppb)	AFLA	FUM	OTA	T-2	DON	ZEN
<b>Global</b>	10	1000	25	50	200	75
<b>Poultry</b>	20	1000	50	50	300	100
<b>Swine</b>	20	3000	50	150	750	500
<b>Ruminant</b>	1	3000	150	100	250	100

### RISK LEVELS

Mycotoxin toxicity risks are expressed in % of samples above the defined threshold. Risk qualifications are described according to the scale below :

- Extreme risk 50 – 100 % of samples above risk threshold
- Severe risk 40 – 50 % of samples above risk threshold
- Very high risk 30 – 40 % of samples above risk threshold
- High risk 20 – 30 % of samples above risk threshold
- Moderate risk 10 – 20 % of samples above risk threshold
- Low risk 00 – 10 % of samples above risk threshold

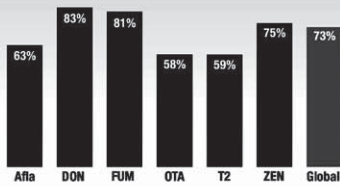
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# World

PERIOD : January - December 2019  
ANALYSIS NUMBER : 282 277

Contaminated samples by mycotoxin (%)



Risk by species



27%



13%



40%

Global risk



31%

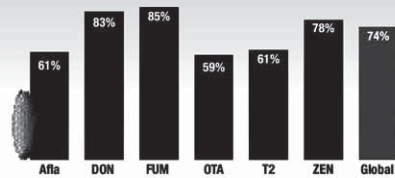
### FOCUS

- High DON (83%), FUM (81%) and ZEN (75%) contamination rate
- Extreme Afla risk for ruminant species
- Extreme DON risk for ruminant and poultry species.
- High risk for swine species

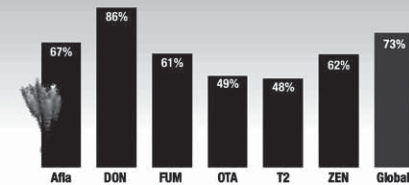
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### ANALYSIS BY MAIN FEED MATERIAL

Corn : % contaminated samples

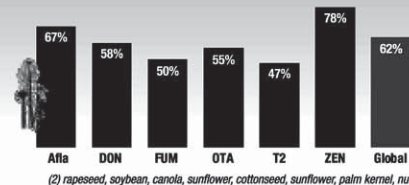


Cereals<sup>(1)</sup> : % contaminated samples



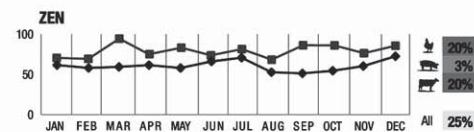
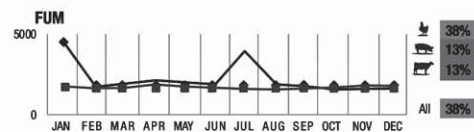
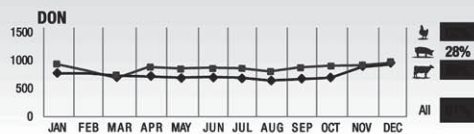
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Oleaginous<sup>(2)</sup> : % contaminated samples



(2) rapeseed, soybean, canola, sunflower, cottonseed, sunflower, palm kernel, nut...

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# India

PERIOD : January - December 2019  
ANALYSIS NUMBER : 1 299



Contaminated samples by mycotoxin (%)

AFLA	96%	OTA	81%
DON		T2	95%
FUM	98%	ZEN	70%

Risk by species



**FOCUS**

- High Afla (96%), FUM (98%), OTA (81%), T2 (95%) and ZEN (70%) contamination rate
- Extreme Afla risk for all species
- Very higher FUM risk for poultry species, high FUM risk for swine and ruminant species



**ANALYSIS BY MAIN FEED MATERIAL**

CORN	Afla	DON	FUM	OTA	T2	ZEN
Number contaminated samples	228		50	39	47	1
Number samples	242		50	51	59	1
% contaminated samples	94%		100%	76%	94%	100%
Average of contaminated (ppb)	46		4 300	19	25	4
Maximum (ppb)	300		13 480	134	158	4



CEREALS <sup>(1)</sup>	Afla	DON	FUM	OTA	T2	ZEN
Number contaminated samples	356		26	28	21	11
Number samples	366		27	29	23	15
% contaminated samples	97%		96%	97%	91%	73%
Average of contaminated (ppb)	74		1 213	15	41	22
Maximum (ppb)	300		5 330	140	140	64

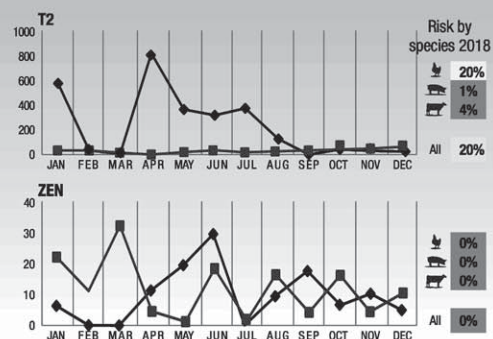
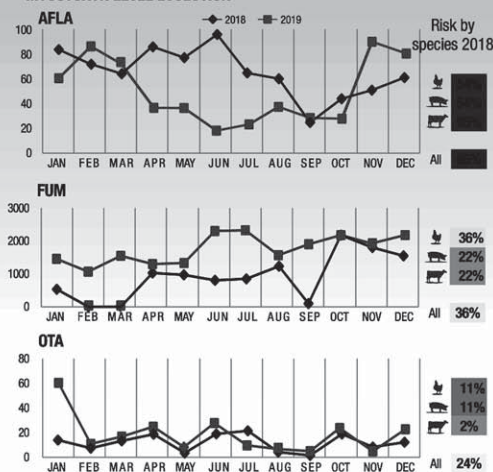
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OLEAGINOUS <sup>(2)</sup>	Afla	DON	FUM	OTA	T2	ZEN
Number contaminated samples	120		55	40	56	2
Number samples	125		58	57	56	4
% contaminated samples	96%		95%	70%	100%	50%
Average of contaminated (ppb)	19		290	10	37	30
Maximum (ppb)	120		1 130	50	138	43

(2) rapeseed, soybean, canola, sunflower, cottonseed, sunflower, palm kernel, nut...

**MYCOTOXIN LEVEL EVOLUTION**



# China

PERIOD : January - September - 2019  
ANALYSIS NUMBER : 48 245



Contaminated samples by mycotoxin (%)

AFLA	5463	OTA	58%
DON	96%	T2	43%
FUM	84%	ZEN	89%

Risk by species



Global risk



**FOCUS**

- High DON (96%), FUM (84%) and ZEN (89%) contamination rate
- Extreme AFLA risk for ruminant species
- Extreme DON risk for ruminant species and poultry species
- high DON risk for swine
- Severe FUM risk for poultry species



**ANALYSIS BY MAIN FEED MATERIAL**

CORN	Alfa	DON	FUM	OTA	T2	ZEN
Number contaminated samples	7 403	11 764	181	7	1	8 641
Number samples	11 803	12 142	210	13	15	9 641
% contaminated samples	63%	97%	86%	54%	7%	90%
Average of contaminated (ppb)	4	668	1 599	6	3	73
Maximum (ppb)	400	7 213	5 600	11	3	9 802

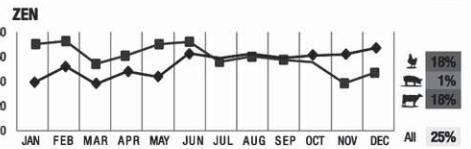
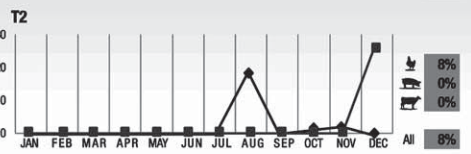
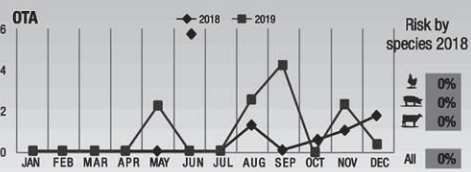
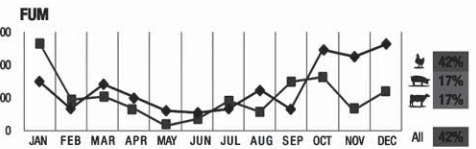
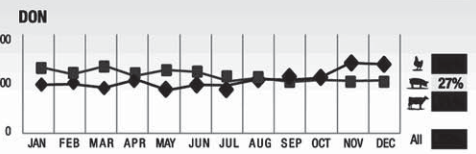
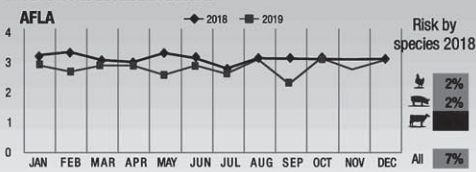
CEREALS <sup>(1)</sup>	Alfa	DON	FUM	OTA	T2	ZEN
Number contaminated samples	2 602	4 263	1	12	0	2 447
Number samples	3 937	4 391	7	15	14	2 877
% contaminated samples	66%	97%	14%	80%	0%	85%
Average of contaminated (ppb)	7	590	28	3	0	55
Maximum (ppb)	150	4 600	28	14	0	8 801

(1) wheat, barley, oat, rice sorghum, triticale...

OLEAGINOUS <sup>(2)</sup>	Alfa	DON	FUM	OTA	T2	ZEN
Number contaminated samples	710	469	2	2	0	768
Number samples	1 280	673	7	3	7	842
% contaminated samples	55%	70%	29%	67%	0%	91%
Average of contaminated (ppb)	9	269	610	3	0	79
Maximum (ppb)	73	1 300	1 190	4	0	4 603

(2) rapeseed, soybean, canola, sunflower, cottonseed, sunflower, palm kernel, nut...

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# Europe

PERIOD : January - December 2019  
ANALYSIS NUMBER : 42 763



### Contaminated samples by mycotoxin (%)

AFLA	62%	OTA	81%
DON	87%	T2	90%
FUM	84%	ZEN	82%

### Risk by species



### Global risk



### FOCUS

- High DON (87%), FUM (84%), OTA (81%), T2 (90%) and ZEN (82%) contamination rate
- Severe DON risk for ruminant, very high risk for poultry species
- Extreme Alfa risk for ruminant species



### ANALYSIS BY MAIN FEED MATERIAL

CORN	Alfa	DON	FUM	OTA	T2	ZEN
Number contaminated samples	4 207	4 932	2 001	679	1 089	1 648
Number samples	7 018	6 131	2 370	958	1 231	2 192
% contaminated samples	60%	80%	84%	71%	88%	75%
Average of contaminated (ppb)	3	440	796	16	26	82
Maximum (ppb)	450	75 830	50 000	4 521	950	13 000



CEREALS <sup>(1)</sup>	Alfa	DON	FUM	OTA	T2	ZEN
Number contaminated samples	795	7 051	251	342	276	1 028
Number samples	1 025	7 527	288	380	288	1 255
% contaminated samples	78%	94%	87%	90%	96%	82%
Average of contaminated (ppb)	1	558	135	2	25	35
Maximum (ppb)	25	43 255	1 000	12	165	9 000

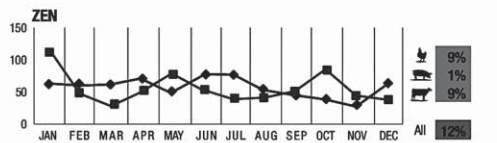
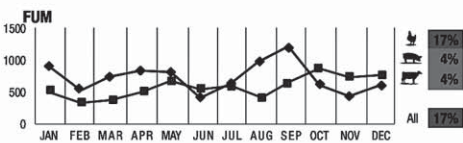
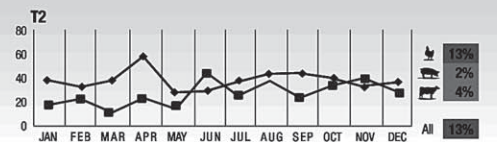
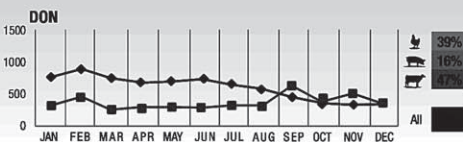
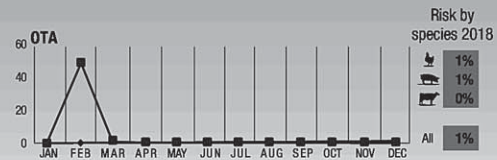
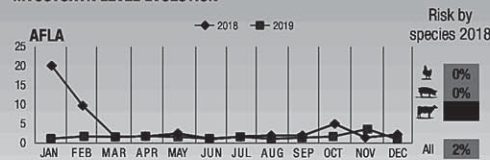
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OLEAGINOUS <sup>(2)</sup>	Alfa	DON	FUM	OTA	T2	ZEN
Number contaminated samples	603	483	73	141	96	454
Number samples	848	798	262	198	209	588
% contaminated samples	71%	61%	28%	71%	46%	77%
Average of contaminated (ppb)	2	238	73	6	15	90
Maximum (ppb)	300	3 200	500	150	117	1 652

(2) rapeseed, soybean, canola, sunflower, cottonseed, sunflower, palm kernel, nut...

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# Middle East Asia & Africa

PERIOD : January - December 2019  
ANALYSIS NUMBER : 17 749



Contaminated samples by mycotoxin (%)

AFLA	60%	OTA	4366
DON	68%	T2	39%
FUM	70%	ZEN	80%

Risk by species



**FOCUS**

- High FUM (70%) and ZEN (80%) contamination rate
- Extreme Afla risk for ruminant species
- High FUM risk for poultry species
- High ZEN risk for poultry and ruminant species



**ANALYSIS BY MAIN FEED MATERIAL**

CORN	Afla	DON	FUM	OTA	T2	ZEN
Number contaminated samples	749	1 032	1 244	942	541	1 067
Number samples	1 336	1 514	1 507	1 484	1 439	1 500
% contaminated samples	56%	68%	83%	63%	38%	71%
Average of contaminated (ppb)	12	307	1 612	230	19	69
Maximum (ppb)	500	6 000	25 000	5 100	600	1 400



CEREALS <sup>(1)</sup>	Afla	DON	FUM	OTA	T2	ZEN
Number contaminated samples	235	323	102	176	118	317
Number samples	324	388	262	284	316	376
% contaminated samples	73%	83%	39%	62%	37%	84%
Average of contaminated (ppb)	5	209	199	114	12	55
Maximum (ppb)	150	1 900	3 521	5 600	139	830

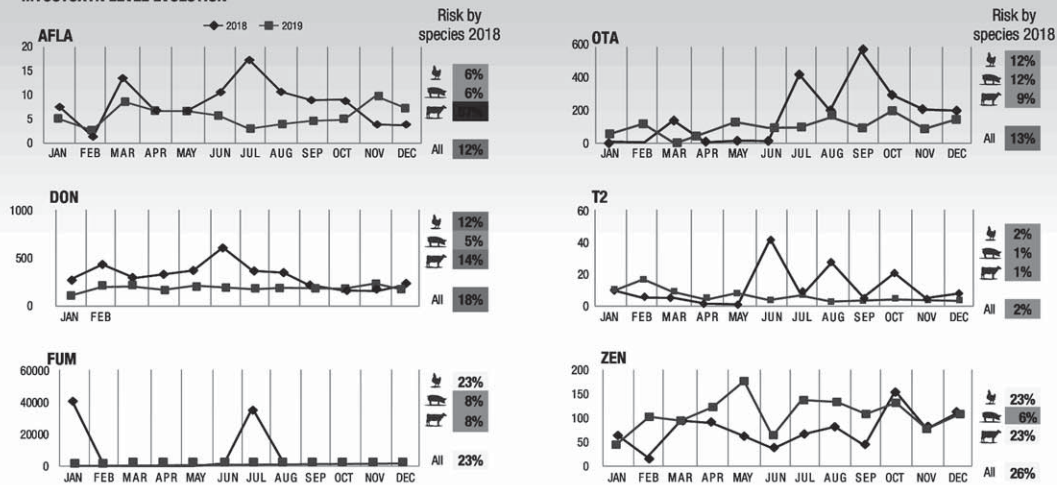
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OLEAGINOUS <sup>(2)</sup>	Afla	DON	FUM	OTA	T2	ZEN
Number contaminated samples	713	720	691	816	453	1 041
Number samples	1 184	1 143	1 154	1 176	1 103	1 148
% contaminated samples	60%	63%	60%	69%	41%	91%
Average of contaminated (ppb)	7	110	321	68	10	221
Maximum (ppb)	265	2 751	46 000	5 100	407	1 830

(2) rapeseed, soybean, canola, sunflower, cottonseed, sunflower, palm kernel, nut...

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# North America

PERIOD : January - December 2019  
ANALYSIS NUMBER : 78 609



Contaminated samples by mycotoxin (%)

AFLA	54%	OTA	20%
DON	85%	T2	30%
FUM	84%	ZEN	49%

Risk by species



Global risk



### FOCUS

- High DON (85%) and FUM (84%) and contamination rate
- Extreme Afia risk for ruminant species
- Extreme DON risk for poultry and ruminant species; severe DON risk for swine species
- Severe FUM risk for poultry species
- High ZEN risk for poultry and ruminant species

### ANALYSIS BY MAIN FEED MATERIAL

CORN	Afla	DON	FUM	OTA	T2	ZEN
Number contaminated samples	10 650	17 568	15 515	22	109	1 324
Number samples	20 687	21 309	18 321	142	385	2 165
% contaminated samples	51%	82%	85%	15%	28%	61%
Average of contaminated (ppb)	3	1 279	1 534	2	89	234
Maximum (ppb)	292	24 816	49 328	10	460	4 618

CEREALS <sup>(1)</sup>	Afla	DON	FUM	OTA	T2	ZEN
Number contaminated samples	236	10 661	0	-	5	177
Number samples	338	12 009	43	-	9	1 909
% contaminated samples	70%	89%	5%	-	56%	19%
Average of contaminated (ppb)	4	1 139	3 700	-	42	71
Maximum (ppb)	17	14 700	5 000	-	60	592

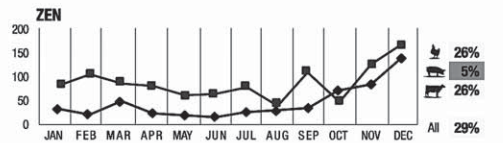
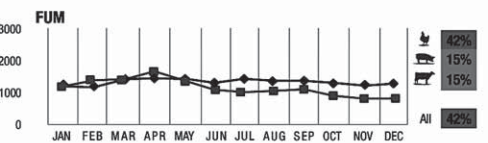
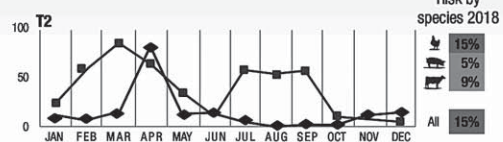
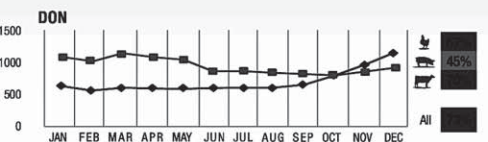
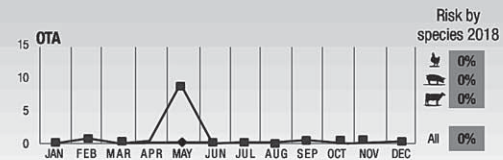
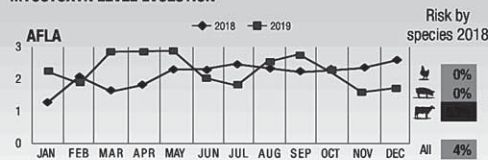
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OLEAGINOUS <sup>(2)</sup>	Afla	DON	FUM	OTA	T2	ZEN
Number contaminated samples	1 503	9	9	9	10	47
Number samples	1 809	51	51	12	14	59
% contaminated samples	83%	18%	18%	75%	71%	80%
Average of contaminated (ppb)	6	298	79	2	47	195
Maximum (ppb)	200	1 100	200	5	168	1 204

(2) rapeseed, soybean, canola, sunflower, cottonseed, sunflower, palm kernel, nut...



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# Russia

PERIOD : January - December 2019  
ANALYSIS NUMBER : 16 188



Contaminated samples by mycotoxin (%)

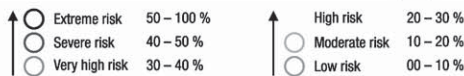
AFLA	54%	OTA	38%
DON	41%	T2	50%
FUM	51%	ZEN	31%

Risk by species



**FOCUS**

- Important Afla (54%), FUM (51%) and T2 (50%) contamination rate
- Severe Afla risk for ruminant species
- Very high DON risk for ruminant species; high DON risk for poultry species



**ANALYSIS BY MAIN FEED MATERIAL**

CORN	Alfa	DON	FUM	OTA	T2	ZEN
Number contaminated samples	289	275	350	243	411	132
Number samples	485	511	462	488	562	439
% contaminated samples	60%	54%	76%	50%	73%	30%
Average of contaminated (ppb)	8	591	1 078	8	127	50
Maximum (ppb)	350	2 590	6 910	198	689	409



CEREALS <sup>(1)</sup>	Alfa	DON	FUM	OTA	T2	ZEN
Number contaminated samples	759	413	50	484	603	201
Number samples	1 557	1 783	389	1 719	1 809	1 655
% contaminated samples	49%	23%	13%	28%	33%	12%
Average of contaminated (ppb)	4	353	206	6	49	34
Maximum (ppb)	39	2 220	1 980	51	1 010	299

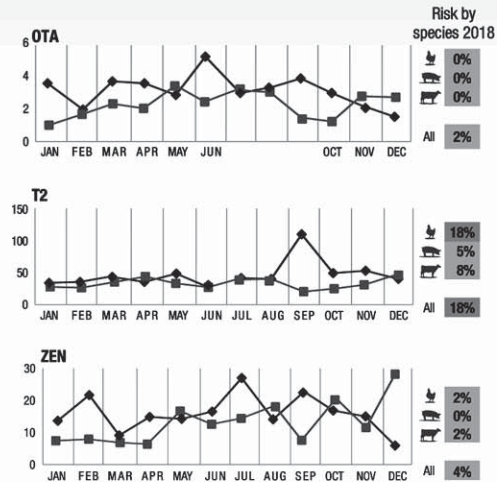
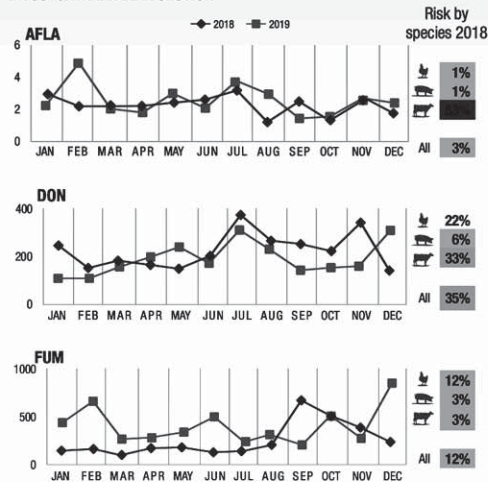
(1) wheat, barley, oat, rice sorghum, triticale...



OLEAGINOUS <sup>(2)</sup>	Alfa	DON	FUM	OTA	T2	ZEN
Number contaminated samples	172	437	42	210	305	349
Number samples	320	665	99	473	597	541
% contaminated samples	54%	66%	42%	44%	51%	65%
Average of contaminated (ppb)	4	484	87	5	27	53
Maximum (ppb)	28	2 290	600	25	210	802

(2) rapeseed, soybean, canola, sunflower, cottonseed, sunflower, palm kernel, nut...

**MYCOTOXIN LEVEL EVOLUTION**





# Central & South America

PERIOD : January - December 2019  
ANALYSIS NUMBER : 47 480



### Contaminated samples by mycotoxin (%)

AFLA	71%	OTA	66%
DON	72%	T2	68%
FUM	81%	ZEN	76%

### Risk by species



### Global risk



### FOCUS

- High AFLA (71%), DON (72%), FUM (81%) and ZEN (76%) contamination rate
- Extreme Alfa risk for ruminant species
- Very high DON risk for poultry and ruminant species
- Extreme FUM risk for poultry species
- Very high ZEN risk for poultry and ruminant



### ANALYSIS BY MAIN FEED MATERIAL

CORN	Alfa	DON	FUM	OTA	T2	ZEN
Number contaminated samples	5 812	4 997	6 134	1 641	1 735	4 300
Number samples	8 476	7 152	7 198	2 319	2 400	5 697
% contaminated samples	69%	70%	85%	71%	72%	75%
Average of contaminated (ppb)	5	524	2 442	47	22	155
Maximum (ppb)	580	8 000	60 000	7 100	1 000	4 958

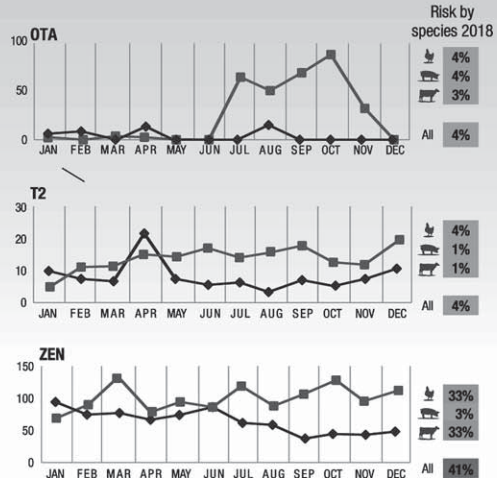
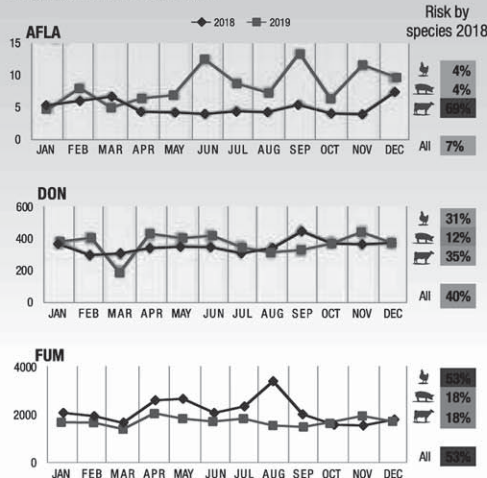
CEREALS <sup>(1)</sup>	Alfa	DON	FUM	OTA	T2	ZEN
Number contaminated samples	2 389	2 376	1 124	506	483	980
Number samples	3 077	2 954	1 474	826	703	1 249
% contaminated samples	78%	80%	76%	61%	69%	78%
Average of contaminated (ppb)	5	372	319	7	12	47
Maximum (ppb)	425	6 000	3 335	500	74	811

(1) wheat, barley, oat, rice sorghum, triticale...

OLEAGINOUS <sup>(2)</sup>	Alfa	DON	FUM	OTA	T2	ZEN
Number contaminated samples	743	314	228	242	192	463
Number samples	1 137	580	515	485	462	578
% contaminated samples	65%	54%	44%	50%	42%	80%
Average of contaminated (ppb)	80	110	183	119	18	197
Maximum (ppb)	495	700	1 253	2 589	170	1 700

(2) rapeseed, soybean, canola, sunflower, cottonseed, sunflower, palm kernel, nut...

### MYCOTOXIN LEVEL EVOLUTION



# South East Asia

PERIOD : January - December 2019  
ANALYSIS NUMBER : 29 942



### Contaminated samples by mycotoxin (%)

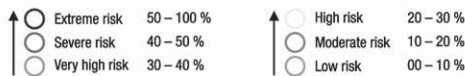
AFLA	75%	OTA	43%
DON	71%	T2	51%
FUM	77%	ZEN	67%

### Risk by species



### FOCUS

- High ALFA (75%), DON (71%), FUM (77%) contamination rate
- Extreme Alfa risk for ruminant species. HIGH ALFA risk for poultry and swine species
- Very high DON risk for poultry and ruminant species
- High FUM risk for poultry species



### ANALYSIS BY MAIN FEED MATERIAL

CORN	Alfa	DON	FUM	OTA	T2	ZEN
Number contaminated samples	4 460	2 372	2 551	396	932	1 890
Number samples	5 620	2 944	2 731	1 249	1 873	2 582
% contaminated samples	79%	81%	93%	32%	50%	73%
Average of contaminated (ppb)	20	1 167	1 434	4	20	245
Maximum (ppb)	235	19 000	44 000	139	400	6 000

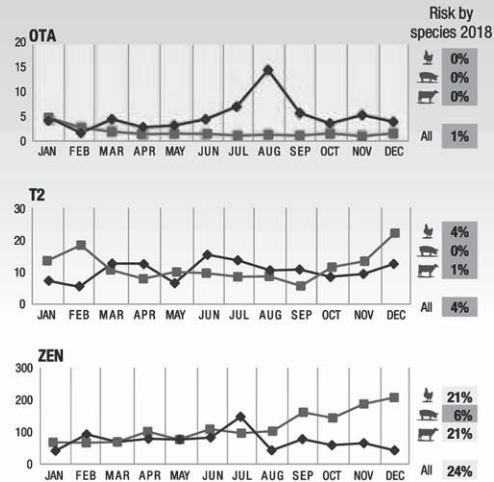
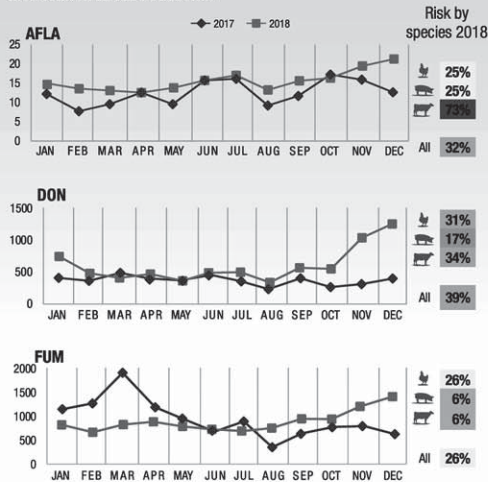
CEREALS <sup>(1)</sup>	Alfa	DON	FUM	OTA	T2	ZEN
Number contaminated samples	609	896	345	462	219	779
Number samples	1 201	1 301	641	813	441	1 314
% contaminated samples	51%	69%	54%	57%	50%	59%
Average of contaminated (ppb)	5	256	114	4	23	42
Maximum (ppb)	116	4 450	1 250	34	146	883

(1) wheat, barley, oat, rice sorghum, triticale...

OLEAGINOUS <sup>(2)</sup>	Alfa	DON	FUM	OTA	T2	ZEN
Number contaminated samples	747	393	412	254	328	623
Number samples	1 206	944	904	736	641	1 052
% contaminated samples	62%	42%	46%	35%	51%	59%
Average of contaminated (ppb)	10	172	108	5	26	87
Maximum (ppb)	200	1 540	1 560	163	145	1 400

(2) rapeseed, soybean, canola, sunflower, cottonseed, sunflower, palm kernel, nut...

### MYCOTOXIN LEVEL EVOLUTION





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Dated 10 February 2020

Dear Mr Sardana,

Please refer to your email dated Feb 10, 2020 seeking clarification on the issue of livestock product consumption *vis a vis* 2019-novel corona virus (2019-nCoV). In this context, this is to clarify that predominant route of transmission of 2019-nCoV appears to be human to human as per OIE, though 2019-nCoV may have had an animal source, which requires further investigation. Poultry has not been found to be involved in transmission of 2019-nCoV to human so far in any report globally. Similar viral outbreaks of corona virus in the past (SARS 2002-03, MERS 2012-13) or Corona associated common cold had no involvement of poultry or poultry products world over.

Thus, with present knowledge of affairs of 2019-nCoV, consumption of poultry and poultry products may be considered safe. General principles of hygiene, however, may be followed as per suggestions of WHO/OIE.

Yours sincerely,

  
(Praveen Malik)

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place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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Karimnagar	92	92	85	87	90	90	93	93	93	88	88	83	83	85	87	87	87	87	87	87	83	83	85	85	85	85	85	85	80	80	80
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Kurnool	92	92	85	87	90	90	93	93	93	88	88	83	83	85	87	87	87	87	87	87	83	83	85	85	85	85	85	85	80	80	80
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Vijayawada	95	95	92	94	96	96	98	98	98	94	94	94	90	90	93	93	93	93	93	93	88	88	90	90	90	90	90	85	85	85	85
Guntur	94	94	92	94	96	96	98	98	98	94	94	94	94	94	96	96	98	98	98	94											

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1990's  
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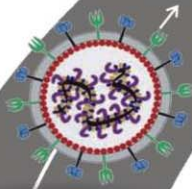
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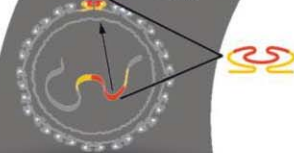
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