

Evaluation of feed additives in the feeding of young rabbits

Summary

The aim of the study was to evaluate the effectiveness of three different feed additives – a probiotic (Toyocerin), a prebiotic (Pro-gut), and biologically neutral crude fibre (Arbocel) – in the diet of young rabbits. The research was carried out at the experimental farm of the Fur and Small Animals Division of the Warsaw University of Life Sciences (SGGW). The additives used were found to improve the survival rate of the young rabbits. Furthermore, the probiotic played a positive role as a factor increasing the absorptive surface of the intestinal epithelium. No positive effects were found on other indicators, such as feed conversion, weight gain or dressing percentage.

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