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INTRODUCTION

In 1985 Montana was the sixth largest producer of barley in the nation contributing over sixty-two million dollars to the state's income (Montana Agricultural Statistics 1986). Further, Montana ranked seventh in the nation for beef cow numbers with cattle and calves contributing over 689 million dollars income to the state. Montana ranks only 21st in the nation for cattle on feed and 29th in the nation for cash receipts from cattle. How can a state that ranks seventh in the nation for the number of beef cows only rank 29th in the nation for income derived from cattle sales? This relationship is due in part to the lack of a strong cattle feeding industry in Montana. Potential income may be lost by not feeding livestock to heavier weights within the state. Since barley is the major feed grain produced, it would have the greatest potential for increased usage if a cattle feeding industry in Montana expanded. Nearly fifty percent of all barley grain in the state is stored on the farm (Mt. Agric. Statistics 1986) allowing convenient access to grain if a feeding industry expanded on farms.

A non-traditonal feeding program that may allow for an alternate use of barley and expand cattle feeding on the farm could be feeding young calves barley diets.

For barley to be efficiently digested by cattle it should be processed. Two popular forms of processing have been dry rolling and steam flaking. Recently the process of extrusion has become increasingly available. Little information is available concerning the use of extruded barley for feeding young calves. Therefore the objectives of this trial were:

1. To determine the effects of an extruded calf starter diet on average daily gain, feed conversion and feed intake.
2. To determine the effects of an extruded barley finishing diet on average daily gain, feed conversion, feed intake and carcass characteristics.
3. To evaluate average daily gain, feed conversion, feed intake and carcass characteristics of cattle fed a barley finishing diet and a corn finishing diet.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Introduction

Extrusion cooking is a process that was developed as an economic method of gelatinizing cereal starch. The principle of extrusion is based upon the conversion of a solid material to a fluid state by applying moisture and heat then forcing the material through a die (Chiang and Johnson, 1977). This process can form food products of various textures and shapes. The physical character of the extrudate can be varied by the use of different dies, different rates of speed and pressure during processing. The cooking is accomplished by application of heat, either by direct steam injection or indirectly through jackets and by the dissipation of mechanical energy via shearing (Harper, 1981).

Temperatures as high as 200C can be attained during the extrusion cooking process, yet the period the extrudate is subjected to these temperatures is approximately 5 to 10 seconds. For this reason the extrusion process is often referred to as "high temperature/short time" or HTST processing (Harper, 1981). This process may be preferable compared to other cooking methods because of improved nutrient retention, destruction of growth inhibitors (such as trypsin inhibitors in soybeans) and removal of contaminating microorganisms (Bjorck and Asp, 1983).

An extruder is composed of five principal components: a feeding mechanism, a screw and its driving mechanism, a screw sleeve or barrel, a flow restrictor or die and a cutting mechanism (El-Dash, 1981).

A typical chronology for the production of extruded animal feeds includes the mixing of all ingredients, followed by milling into the proper size before being fed into the extruder. The extrudate is then cut to the proper size, dried and cooled (El-Dash, 1981).

The extrusion process is versatile with large production capacities. It can produce a great variety of products and requires less labor per ton of production than any other cooking process. The extruder requires limited amounts of floor space and the products (feed) would be free of salmonella organisms. There is no ecologically hazardous residual material created from the extrusion process.

Extrusion Effects

Attempting to summarize the effects of extrusion becomes difficult due to the use of different extruders and processing conditions that are not well defined. Processing conditions that vary are: mass temperature or barrel temperature, moisture content, feed rate, screw speed, screw compression ratio, die diameter, residence time, pressure and torque (Bjorck and Asp, 1983).

Protein

Mild heat treatment of vegetable or plant proteins usually results in an improvement of protein utilization (Church, 1977; Bjorck and Asp 1983). This response is partly due to the inactivation of protease inhibitors. An example is the destruction of trypsin inhibitors in soybeans. However if too much heat is applied Maillard reactions may take place. This reaction occurs between reducing sugars and free amino groups in proteins. Pentoses are the most reactive, followed by hexoses and disaccharides (Bjorck and Asp, 1983). Lysine is the most reactive protein-bound amino acid; however, arginine, tryptophan, cysteine and histidine may also react with a sugar. The Maillard reaction involves the condensation of sugar residues with amino acids followed by polymerization to form a brown substance of approximately 11% nitrogen. This substance possesses many of the physical properties of lignin (Van Soest, 1982) and reduces protein digestibility.

Starch

There are two major effects of extrusion on starch. First is starch gelatinization which occurs when native starch is suspended in water and gradually heated. The granules swell and imbibe 50% or more of their weight in water (French, 1973). If heating is continued starch will undergo an irreversible gelatinization and the granules lose their crystallinity. Gelatinization during the extrusion of wheat flour was reported by Chiang and Johnson (1977). They indicated that temperature, moisture content, screw speed and interaction between temperature and moisture significantly affected starch gelatinization during extrusion. Starch gelatinization increased with increasing temperature when moisture contents were 24% or 27%. Starch gelatinization also decreased as screw speed increased. Gelatinized starch absorbs water better than dextrinized starch. Water absorption depends on the availability of hydrophilic groups which bind water and also the gel-forming capacity of various macromolecules. In the rumen this may allow enzymes in the liquid fraction to initiate starch digestion with less lag time.

Dextrinization is the reduction in chain length of amylopectin in the starch molecule (enzymatic or mechanical in the case of extrusion) to yield D-glucose, a small amount of maltose and a resistant "core" called a limit dextrin (Lehninger, 1982). Dextrinized starch shows higher enzymatic susceptibility and is more water soluble than gelatinized starch due to decreased size of polymeric chains. Gomez and Aquileral (1983,1984) reported investigations on the extrusion of corn starch in which a model for the degradation of starch was proposed. Depending on the moisture level, heat and shear rate or screw speed there can be varying proportions of gelatinized or dextrinized starches in the extrudate. According to Gomez and Aquileral (1984) the term "gelatinization" should not be used to describe starch that has been extruded at a moisture content below 20%. This starch has been dextrinized. Physicochemical properties of extruded starch similar to those of gelatinized starch are only achieved when the extrusion moisture content is 28% - 29%. This moisture content is slightly higher than what Chiang and Johnson (1977) reported.

Lipids

There are three proposed mechanisms to describe the influence of extrusion on the nutritive value of lipids. Changes in lipids are thought to occur due to oxidation, cis-trans isomerization or hydrogenation. A common reaction to extrusion is a decrease in the extractable fat content of products (Bjorck and Asp, 1983). This response has been documented for wheat and maize, with the average fat recovery in extruded wheat being 40% and in maize only 20%

of the original lipid content. This yield was not increased by using different organic solvents. Mercier (1980) reported that monoglycerides and free fatty acids form complexes with amylose during extrusion cooking. This may explain some of the difficulty in extraction with organic solvents. Another possible explanation for decreased fat content of extruded products may be due to thermal degradation or steam distillation. Nielson (1976) reported that the HTST process should not cause thermal destruction of lipids. More recently Shin and Gray (1983) measured deterioration of extruded and raw barley flour quality during storage due to lipid oxidation. They found that extruded barley flour exhibited a higher oxidation status initially, probably due to temperature related oxidation during the extrusion process. However, during storage extruded barley flour had a decreased rate of oxidation compared to raw barley flour. There was also a lower unsaturated to saturated lipid ratio in the extruded barley flour samples. Since almost all lipid oxidation occurs with unsaturated fatty acids this ratio suggests a slower rate of lipid oxidation in the rate of lipid oxidation.

Barley

One of the most common uses of barley is for animal feeds. Barley is most important as an energy source, since it is rich in starch (Newman and McGuire, 1985). The kernal is covered by an outer husk consisting of the palea and lemma, but in some lines the husk separates from the kernel resulting in a naked kernel (Briggs, 1978). Below the husk is first the pericarp, then the aleurone layer, the starchy endosperm and the embryo (Briggs, 1978).

Starch

French (1973) states there are various pathways for the elongation of polysaccharide chains into starch. Starch granules fall into two major types due to their X-ray diffraction patterns. Cereal starches such as corn, wheat and rice produce an "A-type" diffraction pattern while root and tuber starches produce a "B-type" pattern. The diffraction pattern may also depend on chain length since ordinary corn starch gives an "A" pattern whereas high amylose corn (amylomaize) starch, which has long-chain amylopectin gives a "B" pattern (French, 1973).

Karlsson et. al., (1983), state that variations in the synthesis of starch from glucose could affect the final structure of the starch grain as well as the total yield of carbohydrates from the grain. During the process of grain filling and maturation starch granules vary in size distribution and starch composition. Barley has a bimodal distribution of starch granule size. It is generally accepted that starch granules which increase in size and remain as large granules at maturity are the first granules developed. Small starch granules are developed at a later stage of growth and remain small at maturity. According to Kang et. al. (1985) small granules represent about 90% of the total number of granules but only 10% by weight of granules isolated from mature barley endosperm.

Investigations previous to MacGregor and Morgan (1984) indicated the small and large granules contain similar proportions of amylose and amylopectin but they differed significantly in enzyme susceptibility and gelatinization temperature. MacGregor and Morgan (1984) found that large starch granules from both waxy and non-waxy cultivars of barley had slightly higher contents of amylose than the small granules. They also found no differences in amylopectin structure between the large and small granules.

The findings of Kang et. al. (1985) agree with MacGregor and Morgan (1984). In their investigation of six cultivars of barley (1 waxy and 5 non-waxy) it was found that the large granules of starch of a non-waxy barley cultivar contained more amylose than the small granules of the cultivar. Small granules of a given cultivar had a lower heat of gelatinization than the large granules of the same cultivar. They also reported that the small granules of non-waxy cultivars were digested by Rhizopus amagasakiens glucoamylase about four times more rapidly than large granules of the cultivars.

Beta-glucans

Barley contains a carbohydrate fraction called beta-glucans. These compounds are linear polymers of B-D-glucopyranose (Preece and Mackenzie, 1952) that are linked together with B-1,4 and B-1,3 linkages. About 25 to 30% of the glucosidic linkages are in the 1,3 position with the remainder being in the 1,4 position (Fleming and Kawakami, 1977). These compounds form part of the endosperm and account for 75% of the endosperm cell wall (Forrest and Wainwright, 1977). (Bourne and Pierce, 1970) reported the beta-glucan content in barley ranges from about 1.5 to 8.0% and is influenced by both genetic and environmental factors. Recently two hull-less waxy type barleys were found to contain over 10% beta-glucans (C.W. Newman, personal communication).

Beta-glucans are thought to be responsible for reduced performance of poultry fed barley based diets (Newman and Mcquire, 1985). They may also contribute to reduced performance in swine fed high levels of barley. Beta-linkages are readily attacked by rumen microorganisms (Engstrom and Mathison, 1988). However beta-glucans may exist long enough in the rumen to cause increased viscosity and contribute to bloat.

In a feeding trial using six types of barley selected on the basis of beta-glucan content (3.5 to 4.8%) Engstrom and Mathison (1988), found average daily gain and feed to gain were not influenced by beta-glucan content. They concluded that normal levels of beta-glucans in barley do not affect performance of feedlot steers.

Protein

Barley usually contains more total crude protein than corn. It also normally contains higher levels of lysine, tryptophan, methionine and cystine than corn (Church, 1977). The protein content will vary inversely with the starch component of the grain (Briggs, 1978). Composition and amount of protein are two major factors which influence the nutritional quality of the barley kernel. Salt soluble proteins which are classified as albumins (soluble in water) and globulins (soluble in dilute neutral solutions of salts of acids and bases) account for 15 to 30% of the total grain nitrogen (Shewry et al., 1984). Salt-soluble proteins are considered highly nutritious since they are rich in lysine and threonine. Non-protein components, which include peptides, free amino acids and nitrates are found within the albumins and these compounds make up 10 to 12% of the total seed nitrogen (Newman and McGuire, 1985). These proteins are found in the kernel embryo and aleurone layer. Proteins derived from the endosperm are classified as prolamins (soluble in 70-80% ethanol) and glutelins (soluble in dilute acids or bases). Prolamins, commonly referred to as hordein, are the major storage proteins (Kirkman et al., 1982) and account for 35 to 50% of the total nitrogen in the seed. Usually as the hordein content of the barley kernel is increased there is a resulting decrease in lysine content of the protein of the kernel. Glutelins are mainly bound structural proteins which are associated with the matrix of the cell wall.

Processing Grain

The appearance of whole grain kernels in the feces of animals consuming unprocessed grain diets has indicated the necessity of processing some types of grain. Cereals are processed assuming that gelatinization and reduction of particle size would improve digestion. Barnes and Orskov (1982) state that before 1960 cereal grains fed to ruminants were either rolled, ground or pelleted. During the 1960's new methods were devised such as exploding, roasting, extruding and micronizing. All systems of grain processing involve some degree of starch gelatinization or damage to the starch granules, making them more readily available for enzymatic breakdown and degradation in the rumen. As extrusion has been discussed some of the other methods will be discussed here.

Exploding

The grain is subjected to steam at pressures of about 225 pounds per square inch (392^{o}F to 401^{o}F) inside a closed chamber. The grain is held in the pressure chamber for 15 to 20 seconds, then the pressure is released through an orifice. This results in a rapid expansion of the grain. Only sorghum grain has been treated by this method (Hale and Theurer, 1972). In a feedlot trial conducted by Lofgreen and Dunbar (1970) there was no significant difference in gain or feed required per unit gain in steers receiving exploded or flat flaked steam processed sorghum grain. The rations contained 60% grain.

Roasting

Roasting is a dry heat method of treating grains. The grain goes through a revolving cylinder which lifts the grain through jets of flame. The exit temperature of the grain is about 300^{o}F. There is some expansion of the grain during this process and the moisture of the grain will be decreased about 5% (Hale and Theurer, 1972). Perry et al (1970) showed a 14% improvement in gain and a 9% improvement in feed required per unit of gain when comparing ground roasted corn to ground corn.

Micronizing

This is another method using dry heat. The grain is heated with gas-fired infrared generators. Microwaves with $3x10^{8}$ to $3x10^{11}$ cycles per second are emitted from the infra red burners. The grain can be popped or simply roasted using this method. This method has generally been used with sorghum grain and work by Schake et al (1970) estimated that the process of micronizing cost less than steam processing and flaking.

Processing Barley

A study conducted by Rust (1984) demonstrated that cattle fed a 90% whole barley diet gained significantly less weight and were less efficient than counterparts fed an 80% dry rolled barley diet. Carcasses from the whole barley diet contained less fat which was evidenced by lower dressing percentages, less kidney, pelvic, heart fat, less fat thickness and lower numerical yield grade values than the rolled barley diet.

Rumen microorganisms are unable to digest whole barley suspended in nylon bags in the rumen (Nordin & Campling, 1976). Morgan and Campling (1978) demonstrated once the husk of barley grain was broken by rolling, steers and cows were able to completely digest the available starch. These findings supported the conclusions of Morrison (1956) that, barley should be processed for all classes of cattle and it was concluded that rolling barley was likely to improve intake of digestible energy by 10 to 30% by cattle of all ages given mixed diets.

The extent to which barley must be processed to achieve maximum utilization by cattle has been suggested in several studies. In two in vitro trials Osman et al. (1970) and Frederick et al. (1973) investigated starch degradation in steam flaked barley. They found that in vitro digestibility of barley starch was improved by applying a combination of moisture, temperature and pressure. Optimum cooking pressure (with flat flaking) appeared to be 4.2 kg/cm^2, (Frederick et al. 1973), while the critical pressure (with a hydraulic press) occurred at 140 kg/cm^2.

In a feeding trial Hale et al. (1966) compared steam processed flaked barley and dry rolled barley in an 85% concentrate ration. They reported increased gains in fattening steers fed the steam processed and flaked but feed required per unit of gain was not affected. This suggests that feed intake was increased without an improvement in grain utilization. Parrot III et al. (1969) reported two digestion trials comparing dry rolled barley, steam processed regular flaked barley and steam processed flat flaked barley. They indicated that steam flake processing may improve the TDN of a lower quality barley over that of a dry rolled processing, however it may not improve the digestibility of a higher quality dry rolled barley. An in vitro study done by Kempton and Hiscox (1983) showed that when barley was subjected to starch degradation by an alpha-amylase after being cracked, pelleted or extruded, accessibility of polysaccharides to enzymatic hydrolysis was increased with the increased severity of the processing method. The cracked barley resulted in the lowest yield of glucose, with the extruded barley yielding the greatest with the pelleted barley being intermediate. Dry matter disappearance from nylon bags suspended in the rumens of sheep were also compared between cracked, pelleted and extruded barley. In this study there was no difference in dry matter disappearance after 24 hours of incubation among the processing treatments of the barley.

In two comparative slaughter feeding trials reported by Garrett (1965), a steam-rolled barley was compared with barley ground through a hammermill. In one trial there was no significant difference in feedlot performance as measured by average daily gain, feed consumption, corrected carcass weight, yield, percent of carcass fat or carcass grade of steers. In a second trial there were no differences in gain, yield and feed consumption. However the animals fed steam rolled grain had significantly heavier fat corrected carcasses and a significantly greater daily energy gain than steers fed grain ground through a hammermill.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Treatments

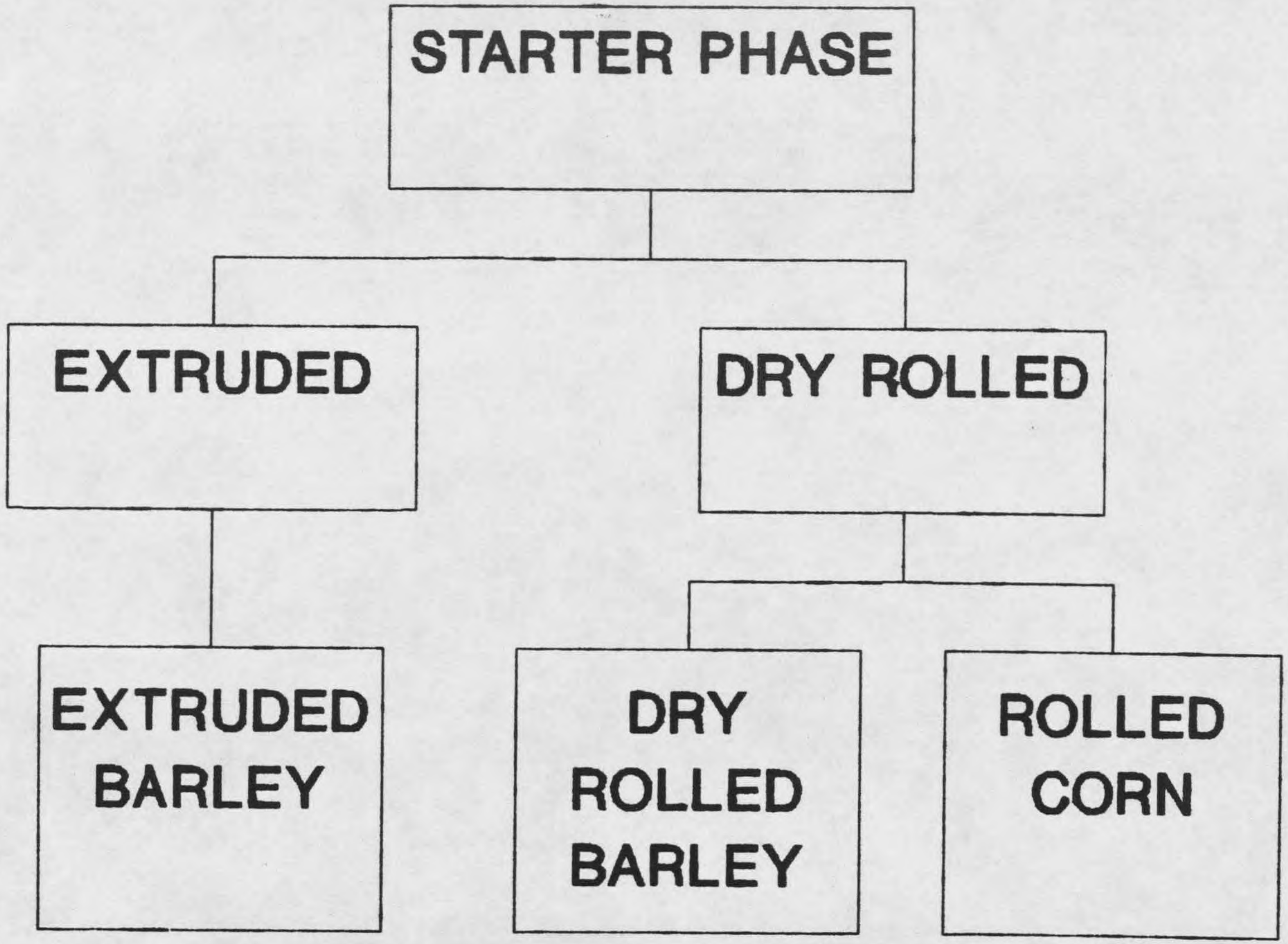
The trial was divided into two periods, each period representing different dietary regimes (Figure 1). The first or starting period utilized two processing treatments of the same diet (extruded and dry rolled). When the starting period was initiated the calves were an average of fifty-one days of age weighing an average of 50kg. Seven calves were allotted to the extruded diet while 13 were allotted to the dry rolled diet. The diets were composed of 74% corn grain and oats, 20% soybean meal and full energy soybean with 6% mineral premix (Table 1).
The full energy bean in the dry rolled treatment had also been extruded before being mixed into the diet.

TABLE 1. COMPOSITION OF EXTRUDED AND DRY ROLLED CALF STARTER DIETS, DRY MATTER

Ingredients	%
Corn	55.36
Oats	19.23
Soybean Meal	12.31
Full Energy Bean	6.82
Mineral Premix[a]	6.29

[a] Lean and Free Starter Premix®, Triple "F" Feeds, Des Moines, Iowa.

Figure 1 STATISTICAL DESIGN



The termination of the starting phase was determined by average daily feed intake of the steers. When the calves consumed an average of three kilograms per day (as fed) of the calf starter diet the finishing phase was initiated. There was a five day adjustment period between the starter phase and finishing phase.

For the second period or the finishing phase, calves from the dry rolled treatment in the starter period were divided into two groups with seven calves being fed dry rolled barley and six calves being fed dry rolled corn. Calves from the extruded treatment in the starter phase were fed an extruded barley based diet in the finishing phase (Tables 2 and 3). The calves were individually fed ad libitum, daily and were weighed every two weeks.

TABLE 2. COMPOSITION OF THE EXTRUDED AND DRY ROLLED BARLEY DIETS OF THE FINISHING PHASE, DRY MATTER.

Ingredient	%
Barley	86.03
Soybean Meal	3.95
Full Energy Bean	3.42
Mineral Premix[a]	6.60

[a] Lean and Free Finisher Premix®, Triple "F" Feeds, Des Moines, Iowa.

TABLE 3. COMPOSITION OF THE CORN DIET OF THE FINISHING PHASE, DRY MATTER.

Ingredient	%
Corn	78
Dehydrated Alfalfa Pellets	5
Soybean Meal	12
Mineral Supplement[a]	5

[a] Calcium Carbonate -40.65%
Dicalcium Phosphate -30.89%
Salt -19.51%
Potassium Chloride - 6.5%
Trace Mineral - 1.63%
Vitamin A&D - .81%

The extruded diet in the finishing phase was mixed before being extruded and contained approximately 20 to 22% moisture. The extruder was a single screw extruder and the die diameter was 5/8" or 1.59cm. Residence time in the barrel was approximately 25 sec. with the barrel temperature reaching 128 to 133^{o}C. The extrudate had a moisture level of about 5 to 6%. The full energy bean was also extruded previous to mixing into the dry rolled diet for treatment two.

Diet samples were taken throughout the trial and were composited for analysis (Table 4). The samples were analyzed for nitrogen, ether extract, dry matter , ash and acid detergent fiber content (AOAC 1980). Analysis for neutral detergent fiber content was performed according to the method of Robertson and Van Soest (1977) as modified by Roth et al. (1982). Calcium content was determined using a modified Kramer-Tisdall method (Clark-Collip, 1925). Phosphorous content was determined using the method described by Fiske and Subbarow (1925). Starch content was determined according to Aman and Hesselman (1984).

TABLE 4. CHEMICAL COMPOSITION OF DIETS FED IN THE STARTER PHASE AND THE FINISHING PHASE.

	Starting phase		Finishing phase		
Analysis	EXT[a]	DR[b]	EXTB[c]	DRB[d]	CORN[e]
Dry matter	92.60	92.03	93.40	92.57	91.66
Crude protein	17.04	17.01	15.02	16.29	14.50
Ether extract	1.12	3.20	.74	1.76	4.30
Ash	7.27	7.80	9.87	9.57	5.34
ADF	1.73	4.97	5.13	4.76	4.88
NDF	9.79	13.52	13.85	12.96	17.81
Calcium	1.01	.95	1.42	.91	1.01
Phosphorous	.55	.60	.69	.58	.40
Starch	53.35	50.41	47.71	51.22	55.20

[a] Extruded
[b] Dry rolled
[c] Extruded barley
[d] Dry rolled barley
[e] Dry rolled corn

Animals

Twenty young holstein bull calves were assigned to dietary treatments according to age (34 days to 68 days), weight (39kg. to 73kg.), and location of rearing (calves were acquired from three locations). The calves were then randomly assigned with the above limitation to one of six pens. Four of the six pens held four calves while two of the pens contained two head each. The calves were fed via Calan@ individual feeding gates.

Upon arrival at the M.S.U. Nutrition Center calves were given an oral dose of a paste containing Streptococcus faecium and an intramuscular injection of vitamin A and D was given. They also received a 10ml intramuscular injection of Liquamiacin@.

Each calf received eight pints of milk replacer a day. Four pints were fed in the A.M. and four pints were fed in the P.M. The commercial milk replacer used was "20-20 INSTANT MILK REPLACER NO.3220@"[1]. The ingredients of the milk replacer were dried whey, dried milk protein, dried milk albumin, dried skimmed milk and animal fat. When analyzed it was found to have a protein content of 20.41%, fat content was 17.82%, calcium was .60% and phosphorous was .56%. A probiotic ("SF PLUS"[2]) was fed at the rate of

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[1] Triple "F" Feeds, Des Moines, Iowa

[2] Triple "F" Feeds, Des Moines, Iowa

one gram per head per day. This was mixed in with the milk replacer. During this period the calves were allowed free access to a dry starting diet and were trained to use the individual feeding gates. The diet was composed of 50% extruded calf starter and 50% dry rolled calf starter diet which contained the same ingredients. During the training period the gates were adjusted to remain permanently open so the calves could become accustomed to eating from the individual feed bunks. When the calves were consuming approximately 1 kg (as fed) per day of feed through the individual gates, the gates were adjusted to close but not lock shut. This encouraged the calves to open any gate themselves. After they learned to open the gates, the gates were adjusted to lock shut. At this time the calves were fitted with tags to open a specific individual gate, were weaned and provided with the appropriate experimental diet.

During the trial the calves received vaccinations for blackleg, enterotoxemia, infectious bovine rhinotracheitis, bovine viral diarrhea, Hemophilus somnus and parainfluenza-3. The calves also received an injection of Ivermectin on day 34 of the trial when lice were detected on all the calves. The calves were castrated on the same day (day 46) using the elastrater method.

During the starting phase of the trial the pens were supplied with fresh straw bedding every one and a half weeks. During the finishing phase the pens received fresh straw every week. All the pens were cleaned on the same day. The straw used as bedding also served as the only source of roughage available to the calves during the starter ration. The finishing phase treatment three did supply 5% of the diet as dehydrated alfalfa pellets.

Fresh dry feed was presented to the calves daily and feed refusals were also weighed daily. The quantity of feed refusals allowed was based upon observations of the accumulation of fines. The level of fines allowed to accumulate was assumed not to be a factor affecting daily intake.

Daily fecal samples were taken for one week during period three of the finishing phase in order to estimate straw consumption. Estimation of straw consumption was done by estimating total digestibility of the concentrate ration using TDN values according to NRC (1984). Total fecal output was estimated by multiplying concentrate intake by the indigestible portion of the ration (fecal output due to concentrate) divided by one minus the acid detergent fiber (ADF) content of the manure.

Straw intake was estimated by dividing total fecal output by the percent indigestible ADF content of the straw and then dividing again by the ADF content of the straw.

Ex. Intake x (1-%digestibility)=fecal output due to concentrate. Concentrate fecal output/(1-ADF content of manure)=total fecal output.

Total fecal output/indigestible ADF= ADF consumed. ADF consumed/ADF content of straw= straw consumed.

Analysis for ADF was done according to (AOAC, 1980). Analysis for indigestible ADF was done in vitro using the modified Tilley and Terrey procedure according to Harris (1970).

All the calves were weighed every fourteen days. The average daily gain, feed to gain and daily feed intake was calculated for each calf, for each two week period.

The calves were slaughtered after a total of 411 days on feed. The average weight of all the calves was 487kg.

Carcass measurements were recorded the day after slaughter. Measurements taken were hot carcass weight, preliminary yield grade, percent kidney, pelvic, and heart fat, ribeye area, marbling score and quality grade. Final yield grade was determined using the equation:

2.50 + (2.50*adjusted fat thickness,inches) + (0.20*percent kidney, pelvic and heart fat) + (0.0038*hot carcass weight,pounds) - (0.32*area rib eye,square inches), (Romans and Ziegler, 1977).

The statistical analysis for this study was completed using a one way analysis of variance of the General Linear Model procedure of Statistical Analysis Systems (SAS 1987). Dietary treatments in the starter phase, extrusion versus dry ground processing were compared using a significant F value. The data from the starter phase is presented as one period (Table 5). The data from the finishing phase is divided into eight periods and is presented by period (Tables 6 through 13). In the finishing phase the extruded barley diet and the dry rolled barley diet were tested by single degree of freedom contrast. The second comparison was between a dry rolled barley diet and a dry rolled corn diet. Difference between treatments was tested by using single degree of freedom contrast. Each period was tested by the use of a significant F value. The independent factors of the model were location, age, pen, weight and treatment. The dependent factors analyzed were average daily gain, feed to gain, gain to feed, daily intake, and carcass characteristics which were hot carcass weight, dressing percent, yield grade, quality grade, marbling score, fat thickness, ribeye area, kidney pelvic heart fat and abscessed livers. The model used was y=T1 (starter phase) and y=T2 (finishing phase).

RESULTS

The most interesting aspect of the nutrient analysis of the diets (Table 4) is the difference between the extruded diets and the non-extruded diets in ether extract (treatment 1 in both phases contains the same ingredients as in treatment 2). The ether extract concentration for the extruded diet in the starter phase is 35% and the extruded diet in the finishing phase is 42% of the value for its dry ground counterpart.

The following results are based on the consumption of the concentrate diet only. A discussion of straw intake will be presented later. Data is presented as the least square means except when individual animal data is given.

TABLE 5. THE INFLUENCE OF EXTRUSION OR DRY ROLLING OF A CALF STARTER DIET ON AVERAGE DAILY GAIN, FEED TO GAIN, GAIN TO FEED AND AVERAGE DAILY INTAKE.

Item	Extruded	SE[a]	Dry Rolled	SE[a]
Age, d	127.00	12[b]	125.00	11[b]
Final weight, kg	120.44	4.05	130.25	3.25
Ave daily gain, kg	.94	.05	1.06	.04
Feed to gain	2.13	.11	2.42	.09
Gain to feed	.47	.02	.41	.02
Ave daily intake, kg	2.00	.10	2.56	.08

[a] Standard error of the mean
[b] Standard deviation of the mean

There was a significant difference in the average daily intake between treatments (p<.05) with the extruded diet consuming less feed (Table 5). There is no difference in average daily gain (p=.12) however the extruded diet tends (p=.09) to use less feed per pound of gain.

TABLE 6. THE INFLUENCE OF AN EXTRUDED BARLEY DIET (EXTB), DRY ROLLED BARLEY DIET (DRB) AND A ROLLED CORN DIET (CORN) ON AVERAGE DAILY GAIN, FEED TO GAIN, GAIN TO FEED AND AVERAGE DAILY INTAKE. FINISH PERIOD 1=44 DAYS

Item	EXTB	SE[f]	DRB	SE[f]	CORN	SE[f]
Age, d	171	12[e]	172	11[e]	166	12[e]
Weight, kg	178.22	2.24	184.02	2.68	182.50	3.53
ADG[a], kg	1.18	.05	1.30	.06	1.27	.08
F/G[b]	2.85	.19	3.44	.23	3.22	.30
G/F[c]	.35	.02	.29	.02	.32	.03
ADI[d], kg	3.36	.22	4.43	.26	4.09	.34

[a] ADG=Average daily gain
[b] F/G=Feed to gain
[c] G/F=Gain to feed
[d] ADI=Average daily intake
[e] Standard deviation of mean
[f] Standard error of the mean

There was a significant difference (p<.05) in the average daily intake between extruded barley (EXTB) and dry rolled barley (DRB), with the extruded diet consuming less feed per day. The extruded diet tends to be more efficient than its dry rolled counterpart. The rolled corn ration (CORN) has a higher average daily gain and average daily intake than the dry rolled barley diet but the difference is not significant.

TABLE 7. THE INFLUENCE OF AN EXTRUDED BARLEY DIET (EXTB), DRY ROLLED BARLEY DIET (DRB) AND A ROLLED CORN DIET (CORN) ON AVERAGE DAILY GAIN, FEED TO GAIN, GAIN TO FEED AND AVERAGE DAILY INTAKE. FINISH PERIOD 2=42 DAYS.

Item	EXTB	SE[f]	DRB	SE[f]	CORN	SE[f]
Age, d	213	12[e]	214	11[e]	208	12[e]
Weight, kg	226.40	3.59	238.64	4.30	236.10	5.66
ADG[a], kg	1.15	.09	1.30	.10	1.28	.14
F/G[b]	3.86	.51	3.29	.61	2.96	.81
G/F[c]	.28	.04	.29	.04	.31	.06
ADI[d], kg	4.29	.49	4.33	.58	4.05	.77

[a] ADG=Average daily gain
[b] F/G=Feed to gain
[c] G/F=Gain to feed
[d] ADI=Average daily intake
[e] Standard deviation of mean
[f] Standard error of the mean

There is no significant difference between the extruded barley treatment and the dry rolled barley treatment or the dry rolled barley treatment and the rolled corn diet in any of the measurements shown for period two. The standard errors for the means have increased compared to period one.

TABLE 8. THE INFLUENCE OF AN EXTRUDED BARLEY DIET (EXTB), DRY ROLLED BARLEY DIET (DRB) AND A ROLLED CORN DIET (CORN) ON AVERAGE DAILY GAIN, FEED TO GAIN, GAIN TO FEED AND AVERAGE DAILY INTAKE. FINISH PERIOD 3=49 DAYS.

Item	EXTB	SE[f]	DRB	SE[f]	CORN	SE[f]
Age, d	262	12[e]	263	11[e]	257	12[e]
Weight, kg	264.68	6.20	272.06	7.44	274.26	9.78
ADG[a], kg	.77	.10	.67	.12	.76	.16
F/G[b]	5.41	1.18	7.12	1.42	6.59	1.86
G/F[c]	.19	.03	.15	.03	.15	.04
ADI[d], kg	4.21	.27	4.51	.32	5.05	.42

[a] ADG=Average daily gain
[b] F/G=Feed to gain
[c] G/F=Gain to feed
[d] ADI=Average daily intake
[e] Standard deviation of mean
[f] Standard error of the mean

A trend exists for the extruded treatment to be the most efficient feed, however the differences among treatments in all the measurements are not significant (Table 8). There is a reduction in overall performance in all three treatments during period three. All treatments show a reduction in average daily gain and gain to feed from period two. For the extruded barley treatment and the dry rolled barley treatment, average daily intake has remained virtually the same as it was in period two. Average daily intake has gone up slightly for the rolled corn diet. All treatments required more feed per unit gain during period three indicating a drop in efficiency.

TABLE 9. THE INFLUENCE OF AN EXTRUDED BARLEY DIET (EXTB), DRY ROLLED BARLEY DIET (DRB) AND A ROLLED CORN DIET (CORN) ON AVERAGE DAILY GAIN, FEED TO GAIN, GAIN TO FEED AND AVERAGE DAILY INTAKE. FINISH PERIOD 4=43 DAYS.

Item	EXTB	SE[f]	DRB	SE[f]	CORN	SE[f]
Age, d	305	12[e]	306	11[e]	300	12[e]
Weight, kg	315.74	4.94	312.07	5.93	323.19	7.80
ADG[a], kg	1.19	.11	.93	.14	1.14	.18
F/G[b]	4.49	.73	5.90	.87	6.30	1.15
G/F[c]	.22	.04	.20	.04	.17	.06
ADI[d], kg	5.42	.49	5.13	.59	6.87	.77

[a] ADG=Average daily gain
[b] F/G=Feed to gain
[c] G/F=Gain to feed
[d] ADI=Average daily intake
[e] Standard deviation of mean
[f] Standard error of the mean

The comparison between the extruded barley treatment and the dry rolled barley shows that there were no differences between the rations (Table 9). During period four the calves fed the dry rolled ration tended (p=.09) to have a lower average daily feed intake than the calves fed the rolled corn based diet.

TABLE 10. THE INFLUENCE OF AN EXTRUDED BARLEY DIET (EXTB), DRY ROLLED BARLEY DIET (DRB) AND A ROLLED CORN DIET (CORN) ON AVERAGE DAILY GAIN, FEED TO GAIN, GAIN TO FEED AND AVERAGE DAILY INTAKE. FINISH PERIOD 5=42 DAYS.

Item	EXTB	SE[f]	DRB	SE[f]	CORN	SE[f]
Age, d	347	12[e]	348	11[e]	342	12[e]
Weight, kg	388.71	6.47	361.76	7.76	394.68	10.20
ADG[a], kg	1.26	.06	1.18	.07	1.70	.09
F/G[b]	6.10	.53	4.84	.64	3.97	.84
G/F[c]	.17	.02	.22	.03	.24	.04
ADI[d], kg	7.37	.65	5.60	.78	7.62	1.03

[a] ADG=Average daily gain
[b] F/G=Feed to gain
[c] G/F=Gain to feed
[d] ADI=Average daily intake
[e] Standard deviation of mean
[f] Standard error of the mean

The dry rolled barley diet performed similarly to the extruded barley during period five (Table 10). The corn treatment has the highest average daily gain and this is significantly ($p<.05$) higher than the dry rolled barley ration.

TABLE 11. THE INFLUENCE OF AN EXTRUDED BARLEY DIET (EXTB), DRY ROLLED BARLEY DIET (DRB) AND A ROLLED CORN DIET (CORN) ON AVERAGE DAILY GAIN, FEED TO GAIN, GAIN TO FEED AND AVERAGE DAILY INTAKE. FINISH PERIOD 6=42 DAYS.

Item	EXTB	SE[f]	DRB	SE[f]	CORN	SE[f]
Age, d	389	12[e]	390	11[e]	384	12[e]
Weight, kg	402.50	11.47	396.91	14.01	434.86	18.14
ADG[a], kg	.78	.15	.82	.18	.94	.24
F/G[b]	10.15	1.98	8.96	2.42	11.50	3.13
G/F[c]	.11	.05	.18	.06	.13	.08
ADI[d], kg	7.13	.87	5.15	1.06	7.89	1.37

[a] ADG=Average daily gain
[b] F/G=Feed to gain
[c] G/F=Gain to feed
[d] ADI=Average daily intake
[e] Standard deviation of mean
[f] Standard error of the mean

Overall performance declined during period six compared to previous periods (Table 11). There are no significant differences among the treatments in any of the measurements. The dry rolled barley treatment is the most efficient in period six. The standard errors during this period have increased indicating a wider variation in animal performance.

TABLE 12. THE INFLUENCE OF AN EXTRUDED BARLEY DIET (EXTB), DRY ROLLED BARLEY DIET (DRB) AND A ROLLED CORN DIET (CORN) ON AVERAGE DAILY GAIN, FEED TO GAIN, GAIN TO FEED AND AVERAGE DAILY INTAKE. FINISH PERIOD 7=42 DAYS.

Item	EXTB	SE[f]	DRB	SE[f]	CORN	SE[f]
Age, d	431	12[e]	432	11[e]	426	12[e]
Weight, kg	439.60	13.17	429.71	15.79	475.46	20.76
ADG[a], kg	.91	.09	.82	.11	1.01	.14
F/G[b]	61.79	19.99	19.07	23.97	52.28	31.52
G/F[c]	.12	.02	.11	.02	.14	.03
ADI[d], kg	7.31	1.07	6.28	1.29	8.02	1.70

[a] ADG=Average daily gain
[b] F/G=Feed to gain
[c] G/F=Gain to feed
[d] ADI=Average daily intake
[e] Standard deviation of mean
[f] Standard error of the mean

For period seven the extruded barley diet has a higher rate of gain than the dry rolled barley diet (Table 12). The feed to gain values for the extruded barley diet and the rolled corn diet have been distorted by the performance of one animal in each of the groups.

TABLE 13. THE INFLUENCE OF AN EXTRUDED BARLEY DIET (EXTB), DRY ROLLED BARLEY DIET (DRB) AND A ROLLED CORN DIET (CORN) ON AVERAGE DAILY GAIN, FEED TO GAIN, GAIN TO FEED AND AVERAGE DAILY INTAKE. FINISH PERIOD 8=30 DAYS.

Item	EXTB	SE[f]	DRB	SE[f]	CORN	SE[f]
Age, d	461	12[e]	462	11[e]	456	12[e]
Weight, kg	482.61	13.36	469.59	16.02	511.01	21.07
ADG[a], kg	1.43	.16	1.33	.20	1.18	.26
F/G[b]	5.85	1.57	5.02	1.89	7.11	2.48
G/F[c]	.21	.10	.28	.11	.16	.14
ADI[d], kg	7.76	1.93	6.12	2.32	7.89	3.05

[a] ADG=Average daily gain
[b] F/G=Feed to gain
[c] G/F=Gain to feed
[d] ADI=Average daily intake
[e] Standard deviation of mean
[f] Standard error of the mean

TABLE 14. THE INFLUENCE OF AN EXTRUDED BARLEY DIET (EXTB), DRY ROLLED BARLEY DIET (DRB) AND A ROLLED CORN DIET (CORN) ON AVERAGE DAILY GAIN, FEED TO GAIN, GAIN TO FEED AND AVERAGE DAILY INTAKE. OVERALL=336 DAYS.

Item	EXTB	SE[f]	DRB	SE[f]	CORN	SE[f]
Age, d	461	12[e]	462	11[e]	456	12[e]
Weight, kg	482.61	13.36	469.59	16.02	511.01	21.07
ADG[a], kg	1.06	.04	1.02	.05	1.15	.06
F/G[b]	5.45	.58	5.09	.69	5.50	.91
G/F[c]	.19	.03	.21	.03	.19	.04
ADI[d], kg	5.75	.58	5.18	.69	6.38	.91

[a] ADG=Average daily gain
[b] F/G=Feed to gain
[c] G/F=Gain to feed
[d] ADI=Average daily intake
[e] Standard deviation of mean
[f] Standard error of the mean

The extruded barley diet, dry rolled barley diet and the rolled corn diet all performed similarly during period eight (Table 13).

There is no significant difference among the treatments for any of the performance measurements taken for the finishing period overall (Table 14). There is a trend for lower daily feed intake and therefore an improved feed conversion for the barley diets.

TABLE 15. THE INFLUENCE OF AN EXTRUDED DIET AND A DRY ROLLED DIET ON AVERAGE DAILY GAIN,FEED TO GAIN, GAIN TO FEED AND AVERAGE DAILY INTAKE.

Item	Extruded	SE[a]	Dry Rolled	SE[a]
Age, d	127.00	12[b]	125.00	11[b]
Weight, kg	470.42	16.23	473.48	17.53
Ave. daily gain, kg	1.03	.04	1.03	.04
Feed to gain	4.45	.52	4.51	.56
Gain to feed	.23	.03	.23	.03
Ave. daily intake, kg	4.52	.46	4.66	.49

[a] Standard error of the mean
[b] Standard deviation of the mean

Including the starting and finishing phase in a comparison between the extruded diet and the dry rolled diet there was no significant difference between the extruded diet or dry rolled diet in average daily gain, feed to gain, gain to feed or average daily gain (Table 15).