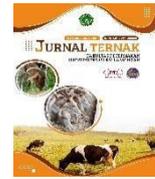




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Implementation of Temulawak (*Curcuma xanthorrhiza* Roxb.) Extract Nanoemulsion on Production Performance and Income Over Feed Cost in Broiler Chickens

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ABSTRACT

This study aimed to evaluate the effect of temulawak extract nanoemulsion (*Curcuma xanthorrhiza* Roxb.) supplementation in drinking water on the production performance and Income Over Feed Cost (IOFC) of broiler chickens. The study utilized 100 broiler chickens of the Lohman MB 202 Platinum strain, which were randomly assigned into four treatments: P0 (control), P1 (4 mg/kg body weight), P2 (6 mg/kg body weight), and P3 (8 mg/kg body weight), with five replications per treatment. Data were analyzed using one-way ANOVA followed by Duncan's multiple range test. The results showed that the P2 treatment (6 mg/kg) produced the best performance, with a final body weight of 1,677 g/bird, feed intake of 202.83 g/bird, and the lowest feed conversion ratio of 1.34. The highest IOFC was also observed in P2, amounting to Rp11,367/bird. In conclusion, supplementation of temulawak extract nanoemulsion at a dose of 6 mg/kg body weight effectively improved production performance and IOFC in broiler chickens and is recommended for implementation.

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Introduction

The demand for chicken meat as a source of animal protein in Indonesia continues to increase each year. According to data from the (Badan Pusat Statistik, 2022) the production of broiler meat in Indonesia reached 3,765,573.09 tons per year, making broilers one of the leading commodities supporting national food security. However, the high cost of feed, which accounts for approximately 70% of the total production cost (Kurnia, 2019; Zuprizal, 2004) poses a challenge for farmers to optimize productivity efficiently. One effort to improve broiler production performance is through the use of feed additives,

which are supplemental substances added to feed to enhance nutrient metabolism and support optimal growth.

One of the feed additives that has been widely used in the livestock industry is the Antibiotic Growth Promoter (AGP), which functions to accelerate daily growth by eliminating pathogenic bacteria in the digestive tract, improving feed efficiency, and reducing mortality rates (Kurnia et al., 2024). However, the use of AGPs also poses serious problems, such as antibiotic residues in chicken meat and the risk of pathogen resistance that may endanger human health (Raheem et al., 2021). Consequently, the use of AGPs has been prohibited under Ministry of Agriculture Regulation No. 14/PK.350/5/2017 since January 1, 2018. This ban has prompted the need to develop alternative feed additives that are safe, effective, and environmentally friendly (Kurnia et al., 2024).

Temulawak (*Curcuma xanthorrhiza* Roxb.) is a herbal plant that has significant potential as an alternative feed additive due to its curcuminoid content, which serves as an antibacterial, antioxidant, and immunostimulant (Desy, 2015; Diardadiantina, 2022). However, temulawak has hydrophobic characteristics and a low absorption rate in the digestive tract of broilers, resulting in suboptimal effectiveness when administered in conventional forms (Iriyanti & Hartoyo, 2019; Larasati & Nina, 2020). Therefore, technological innovations are needed to improve the bioavailability of the active compounds in temulawak, making them more easily absorbed by the broiler's body. One promising technology to address this issue is nanoemulsion, which can enhance the solubility, stability, and absorption of bioactive compounds in aqueous media (Ahmad et al., 2018; Gupta et al., 2016).

Previous studies have demonstrated the potential of temulawak as a feed additive in both powder and extract forms. Mustika et al. (2023) reported that adding temulawak herbal extract to feed can improve broiler performance. Ananda et al. (2022) also showed that the addition of 1% temulawak combined with 5% milk powder in feed improved broiler performance. Furthermore, Orinetha et al. (2022) reported that temulawak nanoemulsion at a dose of 4 mg/kg body weight could increase broiler body weight during the 30–34 day rearing period. However, studies on higher doses of temulawak nanoemulsion (above 4 mg/kg), as well as the integration of these research findings with economic feasibility analysis through Income Over Feed Cost (IOFC) for farmers, remain very limited.

This study offers a solution by testing the implementation of temulawak extract nanoemulsion on broiler chickens at various doses (4, 6, and 8 mg/kg body weight). The application of nanoemulsion is expected to improve the absorption of temulawak's active compounds, thus optimizing broiler performance compared to conventional forms. Additionally, this study evaluates economic feasibility through IOFC analysis to help farmers adopt this innovation practically.

Overall, this study presents novelty in three main aspects: first, the use of higher doses of temulawak nanoemulsion (6 and 8 mg/kg body weight) to explore the optimal dose, which has rarely been investigated previously; second, the integration of research findings with economic feasibility analysis, making them more applicable; and third, addressing the research gap regarding the effects of temulawak nanoemulsion on IOFC parameters in broiler chickens comprehensively. This research was conducted using a quantitative experimental method with a completely randomized design (CRD), ANOVA analysis, and Duncan's multiple range test. The objective of this study was to evaluate the effects of administering nanoemulsion of temulawak (*Curcuma xanthorrhiza* Roxb.) extract on the production performance of broiler chickens and the income over feed cost (IOFC) as a replacement for antibiotic growth promoters (AGPs).

Method

The research was conducted from December 2023 to January 2024 at the Broiler Chicken House Facility, Politeknik Pembangunan Pertanian Malang, while the nanoemulsion production was carried out at the Feed Laboratory, Politeknik Pembangunan Pertanian Malang.

Experimental Design

This study involved 100 Loghman MB 202 Platinum broiler chickens, which were randomly assigned into four treatment groups. A Completely Randomized Design (CRD) was used with four treatments and five replications each, as presented in Table 1.

Tabel 1. Completely Randomized Design

Replication	Control	4 mg / kg bw	6 mg / kg bw	8 mg / kg bw
1	P0U1	P1U1	P2U1	P3U1
2	P0U2	P1U2	P2U2	P3U2
3	P0U3	P1U3	P2U3	P3U3
4	P0U4	P1U4	P2U4	P3U4
5	P0U5	P1U5	P2U5	P3U5

The treatment doses were determined based on the study by Orinetha et al. (2022), which reported an effective dose of temulawak nanoemulsion at 4 mg/kg body weight. Therefore, in this study, doses below, equal to, and above this level were used to determine the most effective optimal dose.

Preparation of Temulawak Extract

The temulawak extract was prepared by maceration using 70% ethanol as the solvent. Dried and ground temulawak rhizomes were placed in a vial at a material-to-solvent ratio of 1:5 (w/v). The vial was tightly closed and left to stand for five days, with daily shaking for 10 minutes using a vortex mixer to facilitate the diffusion of active compounds. After the soaking period, the filtrate was separated using filter paper to remove the residue, then collected in a venoject tube and evaporated at 50°C in a water bath for 12 hours to obtain the thick temulawak extract (Reine et al., 2019).

Preparation of Temulawak Nanoemulsion

The temulawak nanoemulsion was prepared using a temperature inversion method to enhance the stability and bioavailability of the temulawak extract. The mixture was prepared by weighing the temulawak extract (active ingredient), Virgin Coconut Oil (VCO) as the oil phase, and Tween 80 and 70% ethanol as the surfactant and co-surfactant, respectively, in a ratio of 1:3:21:10:65 (b/v/v/v/v). All components were measured in milligrams, converted to milliliters, and mixed in a 500 ml beaker. The mixture was stirred using a magnetic stirrer at room temperature for two hours at 100 rpm to produce a pre-emulsion. This was then processed using a bath-type sonicator at 300 Hz for 10 minutes to produce nano-sized droplets. After sonication, deionized water (aquadest) was added at a 1:5 ratio, followed by homogenization by gentle shaking to obtain a stable temulawak nanoemulsion (Listyorini et al., 2018).

Data Analysis

The data obtained were analyzed using Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) at a 5% significance level to determine the statistical significance of treatment effects. If significant differences were found among treatments, Duncan's Multiple Range Test (DMRT) was used for further comparison to determine the most effective dose of nanoemulsion. The steps for one-way ANOVA included:

1. Formulating hypotheses :

$$H_0 : \mu_1 = \mu_2 = \dots = \mu_k$$

$$H_1 : \mu_1 \neq \mu_2 \neq \dots \neq \mu_k$$

2. Determining the significance level (α) and F-table ($F_\alpha(V_1, V_2)$), with à

$$F_\alpha (V_1, V_2)$$

$$\text{Variabel Independen } (V_1) = k - 1$$

$$\text{Variabel Dependenden } (V_2) = k (n - 1)$$

3. Establishing the testing criteria

$$H_0 \text{ diterima jika } F_0 < F_\alpha (V_1, V_2)$$

$$H_0 \text{ ditolak jika } F_0 > F_\alpha (V_1, V_2)$$

Tabel 2. *One-Way* ANOVA Summary Table

Source of Variation	Degrees of Freedom	Degrees of Freedom	Degrees of Freedom	Degrees of Freedom
Rata-rata kolom	$(v1) = k - 1$	JKK	$S^2 = \frac{JKK}{(k-1)}$	$\frac{S_2^1}{S_2^2}$
Galat/eror	$(v2) = k(n - 1)$	JKE	$S^2 = \frac{JKE}{k(n-1)}$	
Total	$(nk - 1)$	JKT		

Tabel 3. *One-Way* ANOVA Calculation Formulas

<i>One - Way</i> ANOVA	
Same sample sizes	Unequal sample sizes
$JKT = \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^n xij^2 - \frac{T^2}{nk}$	$JKT = \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^n xij^2 - \frac{T^2}{nk}$
$JKK = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k = 1 T_1^2}{n} - \frac{T^2}{nk}$	$JKK = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k = 1 T_1^2}{n} - \frac{T^2}{nk}$
$JKE = JKT - JKK$	$JKE = JKT - JKK$

Note:

- JKT: Total Sum of Squares
- JKK: Treatment Sum of Squares
- JKE: Error Sum of Squares

The observed parameters in this study included:

Body Weight Gain (g/bird/week)
measured weekly
Feed Intake
Feed Conversion Ratio (FCR)

$$PBB = \text{Final Body Weight} - \text{Initial Body Weight}$$

$$FI = \text{Feed given} - \text{Feed residual}$$

$$FCR = \frac{\text{Feed Intake} \left(\frac{g}{\text{bird}} \right)}{\text{Body Weight Gain} \left(\left(\frac{g}{\text{bird}} \right) \right)}$$

Income Over Feed Cost (IOFC)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Revenue} &= \text{Final Body Weight} \times \text{Chicken Price} \\ \text{Feed Cost} &= \text{Feed Intake (kg)} \times \text{Treatment Feed Price (kg)} \\ \text{IOFC} &= \text{Revenue} - \text{Feed Cost} \end{aligned}$$

Sumber : (Subekti B. A, 2022)

Results and Discussion

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Table 4. Mean Results of One-Way ANOVA with Duncan's Multiple Range Test

Parameter	Dosage (mg/kg BW)			
	0	4	6	8
Weekly Body Weight Gain (g/bird)				
Week 2	554.4 ± 12.6 ^a	561.8 ± 5.5 ^a	604.9 ± 11.2 ^b	556.4 ± 14.3 ^a
Week 3	974.8 ± 21.1 ^a	995.1 ± 34.3 ^a	1078.9 ± 28.1 ^b	978.1 ± 8.9 ^a
Week 4	1510 ± 34.0 ^a	1594 ± 4.1 ^b	1677 ± 24.9 ^c	1539 ± 47.6 ^a
Average	1013,07±22,57	1050,30±14,63	1140,95±21,40	1024,50±23,60
Feed Intake (g/bird/day)				
Week 2	73.1 ± 1.57 ^{bc}	74.0 ± 2.75 ^c	72.1 ± .89 ^b	68.5 ± .62 ^a
Week 3	206.3 ± 14.4 ^{ab}	210.7 ± 8.0 ^b	207.4 ± 4.1 ^{ab}	198.5 ± 3.11 ^a
Week 4	326.4 ± 1.57 ^c	323.8 ± 3.3 ^b	322.6 ± 2.5 ^{bc}	315.1 ± 1.4 ^a
Average	201,93±5,85	202,83±4,48	200,70±2,50	194,03±1,71
Feed Conversion Ratio (kg)				
Week 2	1.31± .01 ^c	1.31± .01 ^c	1.19± .00 ^a	1.23± .03 ^b
Week 3	1.48±.06 ^c	1.48±.01 ^c	1.34±.03 ^a	1.42±.01 ^b
Week 4	1.50± .03 ^c	1.40± .00 ^b	1.34± .03 ^a	1.43± .04 ^b
Average	1,43±0,03	1,40±0,40	1,29±0,02	1,69±0,03

Note: Means within rows followed by the same letter are not significantly different according to Duncan's multiple range test at the 5% level.

The results of the study demonstrated that supplementation with temulawak extract nanoemulsion at different doses had a significant effect on broiler production performance. Administration of 6 mg/kg BW (P2) resulted in the highest weekly body weight gain: an average of 604.9 g/bird in week 2, 1078.9 g/bird in week 3, and 1677 g/bird in week 4. This indicates that temulawak nanoemulsion at a dose of 6 mg/kg BW significantly increased body weight compared to the control (P0) and other treatments. These findings are supported by Anggraini et al, (2019) and Sutarto (2020) who reported that the curcumin and essential oils in temulawak function as antibacterial and antioxidant agents that enhance digestive function and nutrient absorption, thereby promoting broiler growth.

Feed intake for the P2 treatment also showed good stability, with an average intake of 322.6 g/bird/day in week 4. In contrast, the 8 mg/kg dose (P3) resulted in a lower feed intake of 315.1 g/bird/day due to the strong aroma of the nanoemulsion, which reduced palatability. These results are consistent with (Wahyuni et al, 2023) who noted that broiler chickens tend to be sensitive to strong feed aromas.

The lowest feed conversion ratio (FCR) was also observed at the 6 mg/kg BW dose, with a value of 1.34 in week 4, which was significantly different from the other treatments. A lower FCR indicates better feed efficiency, as the chickens are able to convert feed into meat more optimally (Saputra, 2018). Thus, it can be concluded that the administration of temulawak extract nanoemulsion at a dose of 6 mg/kg BW resulted in the best broiler production performance, characterized by optimal growth, stable feed intake, and high feed utilization efficiency.

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Table 5. Income Over Feed Cost (IOFC)

Treatment Dose	0	4 mg/kg	6 mg/kg	8 mg/kg
Revenue :				
Final Body Weight (kg/bird)	1,510	1,594	1,677	1,539
Live Chicken Selling Price (Rp/kg)	19,500	19,500	19,500	19,500
Total Revenue (Rp/bird)	29.445	31,083	32,701	30.010
Expenses :				
Feed Price (Rp/kg)	19,273	19.128	19,064	18,648
Temulawak Nanoemulsion Cost (Rp/bird)	-	1,520	2.270	3,030
Total Expenses (Rp/bird)	Rp 24,612	Rp 20.643	Rp27,364	Rp 21.678
IOFC (Rp/bird)	10.172	10.435	11.367	8331

The results of this study demonstrated that the supplementation of temulawak extract nanoemulsion in broiler chickens significantly affected the Income Over Feed Cost (IOFC) value. Administration at a dose of 6 mg/kg body weight (P2) resulted in the highest IOFC of Rp11,367 per bird, which was higher than the control (P0), P1 (4 mg/kg), and P3 (8 mg/kg). The high IOFC value in P2 was attributed to the optimal final body weight achieved (1.677 kg/bird), which increased revenue per bird, whereas the P3 treatment had a lower IOFC due to lower final body weight and higher production costs caused by excessive nanoemulsion use. This finding aligns with Kamilah et al. (2021) who highlighted that IOFC is an important indicator for evaluating the efficiency of broiler production enterprises. Feed costs and nanoemulsion expenses are the primary factors influencing the IOFC value, with a higher IOFC indicating better profitability. Therefore, the administration of temulawak extract nanoemulsion at a dose of 6 mg/kg in broiler drinking water has been proven to significantly increase the IOFC value and can be recommended as an efficient alternative feed additive.

Conclusions

Administration of nanoemulsion of *Curcuma xanthorrhiza* Roxb. extract at a dose of 6 mg/kg body weight was shown to significantly improve the production performance of broiler chickens. This treatment resulted in the highest final body weight (1,677 g/bird), the most efficient feed conversion ratio (1.34), and the highest income over feed cost (IOFC) value (IDR 11,367/bird) compared to other treatments. Therefore, nanoemulsion of *Curcuma xanthorrhiza* Roxb. extract at this dose 6 mg/kg is recommended as a safe and effective alternative to antibiotic growth promoters (AGPs).

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