Effect of skip-a-day feeding regime at different periods on broiler chicken performance.

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Abstract:

One hundred and eighty one-day old broilers (Arbor Acres) were used to study the effect of different procedures of skip-a-day feeding regime on broiler performance. Four groups were used: Group 1 (control) birds were fed ad libitum from 0 to 42 days of age; Group 2 birds were fed ad libitum for the first three weeks, then the feed was removed for one day every week until the end of the experiment; Group 3 feed was removed for one day every week for the first three weeks, then the birds were fed ad libitum up to the end of the experiment; and Group 4 the feed was removed for one day every week from the first week until the end of the experiment. The results obtained could be summarized as follows: At marketing age (6 weeks), the control birds had heaviest body weight (BW) of all feed restricted birds (P

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