

Percentage of Carcass and Internal Organs of Japanese Quail After Given Organic Feed

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ABSTRACT

Japanese quail (*Coturnix coturnix japonica*) is one of the livestock sectors that is efficient in providing nutrition, both from eggs and meat. This study aims to examine the effect of the provision of standard organic feed and organic feed containing cassava leaves, turmeric powder and ginger on increasing the percentage of carcasses and internal organs Japanese quail. This study used an experimental method with a completely randomized design pattern. The test animals used were 30 females Japanese quail which were divided into 3 groups, i.e. P0: control (given commercial feed); P1: given standard organic feed (corn, soybeans, bran and fish meal); P2: given organic feed (corn, soybeans, bran, fish meal, cassava leaves, turmeric, and ginger powder). Each group was treated with 5 replications. Data obtained were analyzed using analysis of variance (ANOVA) and continued with Duncan test with a confidence of 95% ($P > 0.05$). The results showed that the provision of organic feed could not increase the percentage of carcass, heart, and liver, but could increase the percentage of Japanese quail gizzard.

Keywords: carcass percentage; internal organs; Japanese quail; organic feed

INTRODUCTION

Japanese quail (*Coturnix coturnix japonica*) is one of the livestock sectors that is efficient in providing nutrition, both from eggs and meat because that contains high animal sources (Owen & Dike., 2013; Gecgel *et al.*, 2015; Srinivasan, 2017). Organic quail egg contains nutrients that are good for consumption i.e. proteins of 13.02%, fat 11.31%, carbohydrates 0.88%, and ash 0.73% (Basri *et al.*, 2018). Quail egg also contains vitamin A of 7.17 ($\mu\text{g/g}$), vitamin E of 59.20 ($\mu\text{g/g}$), omega-3 0.44% and omega-6 1.62% (Dudusola, 2010; Tolik *et al.*, 2014; Tunsaringkarn *et al.*, 2012).

Quail meat contains high protein and low fat. Quail can produce meat about 70-73% of the body weight, with the highest percentage of meat found in the chest (41%) (Priti & Satish, 2014). The percentage of carcasses can be used as a measure to assess livestock meat production (Greiner *et al.*, 2003). Carcasses are affected by feed consumption, energy content, and protein. The carcass is very much influenced by the nutrient content of the ration given, especially the protein content.

According to Jeke *et al.* (2018) and Priti & Satish (2014), the benefits of quail farming, i.e. at the age of six weeks the Japanese quail (*Coturnix coturnix japonica*) has been producing, it does not require sufficient fund, easy to maintain and can be cultivated on limited land. Another advantage is being able to produce at a young age and a short reproductive cycle.

Several types of organic ingredients that have been used as research materials in reducing cholesterol levels, namely garlic (Yeh & Liu, 2001; Ried, 2016), ginger and turmeric (Saraswati *et al.*, 2013). Ginger has the ability to increase appetite, strengthen the stomach, and improve digestion. This is supported by Setyanto *et al.* (2012) in the results of their research that there is an effect of using ginger powder on the rate of feed. Harmono & Andoko (2005) state the stimulation of mucous membranes of the large stomach and intestine by essential oils released by the ginger rhizome, resulting in the stomach becoming empty and the chicken consuming rations. Cassava leaves contain high chlorophyll (Alsuhendra, 2004). One of chlorophyll derivate, chlorophyllin has

higher antioxidant activity than natural chlorophyll (Lanfer-Marquez *et al.*, 2005).

The liver has the ability to biotransform and remove the chemicals from the body (Gu & Manautou, 2012; Karin & Dhar, 2016). Curcumin works to overcome liver disorders, stimulates the production of bile which will break down fat. As a result, the digestive process is smoother. Curcumin has the potential to be antidiabetic because it can increase the work of insulin. Consumption of curcumin does not cause toxicity, because at a dose of 500 mg/kg bodyweight does not induce polychromic erythrocytes (Negi *et al.*, 2007).

Phytochemicals in curcumin which are important in detoxification and curcumin also have anticarcinogenic activity. Liver damage in mice induced CCl₄ can be improved by administering turmeric root liquid extract at a dose of 50 mg/kg body weight (Sengupta *et al.*, 2011). Curcumin has the ability to be anti-inflammatory, can act as an antiviral agent, acting as an antioxidant and also a hepatoprotector (Yarru *et al.*, 2009). Curcumin can protect DNA from damage caused by free radicals and protect hepatocytes from various poisons (Chattopadhyay *et al.*, 2004). So that by giving organic feed can increase the activity of

organs in Japanese quail (*Coturnix coturnix japonica*).

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The study was conducted at the Laboratory of the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, Universitas Islam Al-Azhar Mataram. This study was an experimental study with Completely Randomized Design (CRD). The test animals used in this study were 30 female Japanese quails (*Coturnix coturnix japonica*) taken randomly from 65 female Japanese quails with the age of 1 day old. Selected Japanese quails were divided into 3 experimental groups. Each experimental group consisted of 5 replications. P0: Control given commercial feed; P1: Treatment given standard organic feed with a composition: (cornflour 21 kg, soy flour 10 kg, bran 18 kg and fish meal 1 kg); P2: Treatment given organic food with composition (cornflour 21 kg, soy flour 10 kg, bran 16 kg, fish meal 2 kg, cassava leaves 1 kg, turmeric powder 0,5 kg and ginger 0,5 kg). The nutrient content of feed is based on the analysis result of the nutrition science and animal feed laboratory, Universitas Mataram presented in Table 1. At the end of the study, the internal organ of Japanese quails was taken to analysis.

Table 1. Results of laboratory analysis of feed nutrient content

Nutrition Components	*P0	**P1	**P2
Rough Protein (%)	19-21	15.59	15.18
Crude fiber (%)	5	11.85	9.66
Crude fat (%)	5	5.93	8.06
Ash (%)	7	5.94	6.06
Water (%)	13	11.58	18.38

* PT. Malindo Feedmill Tbk.

**The nutrition component was analyzed at the Nutrition and Animal Feed Laboratory, Universitas Mataram (2019).

Organic Feed Making. All ingredients were mixed and stirred until blended. Materials that have been stirred evenly, weighed and packed each with a size of 1 kg (with the aim to facilitate the calculation of daily feed consumption). After weighing and packaging, the feed is ready for use and stored for Japanese quail food reserves.

Sterilization and acclimation to collective cages. Preparation of collective cages with an area of 1 m². The cages and equipment were fumigated with disinfectants. Acclimation was carried out for 6 days.

Japanese quail was put into the collective cage with the formation of 10 per cages. A sugar solution with a concentration of 1 tablespoon in 1 liter of water is given to restore the Japanese quail conditions.

Giving Treatment. Giving treatment was done before Japanese quail enters the period of sexual maturity, the first provision is done when Japanese quail was 14 days old, then subsequently given every day to 50 days.

Carcass Percentage (%). Collecting the percentage of carcass was done by comparing

the carcass weight and live weight and then multiplied by 100% (Hamdani *et al.*, 2017).

Percentage of internal organs (%). Measurement of internal organs was carried out by weighing the parts that have been separated

from the Japanese quail body. To get the percentage of internal organs, by comparing the weight of internal organs with slaughter weight and expressed in (%) (Fatrah *et al.*, 2018).

$$\text{Heart percentage \%} = \frac{\text{heart weight (g)}}{\text{slaughter weight (g)}} \times 100\%$$

$$\text{Liver percentage \%} = \frac{\text{liver weight (g)}}{\text{slaughter weight (g)}} \times 100\%$$

$$\text{Gizzard percentage \%} = \frac{\text{gizzard weight (g)}}{\text{slaughter weight (g)}} \times 100\%$$

Data analysis. The data obtained were analyzed by variance (ANOVA), if there were significant differences followed by the Duncan test at the significance level of 95%. Analysis with SPSS 16.0 for windows software.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The results of the analysis of the various percentages of Japanese quail carcasses and organs (*Coturnix coturnix japonica*) after being given organic feed are presented in Table 2.

Table 2. Results of analysis of the percentage of carcasses and organs in Japanese quail (*Coturnix coturnix japonica*).

Variable	Treatment		
	P0	P1	P2
Carcass (%)	60.58±4.95	58.36±10.42	59.09±8.33
Heart (%)	0.92±0.09	0.95±0.19	0.91±0.18
Liver (%)	2.51±0.29	2.65±0.65	3.13±0.65
Gizzard (%)	2.78 ^b ±0.46	4.18 ^a ±0.45	4.04 ^a ±0.75

Superscripts with different lowercase letters on the same line show significant differences ($P < 0.05$). P0: control (given commercial feed); P1: given standard organic feed (corn, soybeans, bran and fish meal); P2: given organic feed (corn, soybeans, bran, fish meal, cassava leaves, turmeric, and ginger powder).

Carcass percentage. The results of the analysis of the percentage of carcasses in Japanese quail showed no significant difference results ($P > 0.05$) in the treatment P0, P1, and P2. This is due to the results of the analysis of feed consumption not significantly different ($P > 0.05$), thus causing no difference in the percentage of Japanese quail carcass. The highest average percentage of carcass in Japanese quail was P0 (60.58 ± 4.95), P2 (59.09 ± 8.33) and P1 (58.36 ± 10.42). The results of this study are not much different from Pradikdo *et al.* (2016) state that the percentage of Japanese quail carcass is 58.29 ± 1.22 - 62.12 ± 2.93%. In contrast to according to Tarigan & Siregar (1983), Japanese quail carcasses ranged from 60% - 75%. The percentage of carcass is related to gender, age and body weight (Latorre

et al., 2004; Murawska, 2012; Omar *et al.*, 2012).

The increase in carcass is related to the increase in age and body weight. Karaoglu and Durdag (2005) stated that carcass weight depends on quail type, DOQ quality, quail maintenance management, feed quality and quantity, quail health and quail body. Generally increasing body weight was followed by a decrease in abdominal fat content which resulted in high meat production (Fouad & El-Senousey, 2014). The increase of carcass percentage must also be supported by the nutrition of protein, carbohydrates, vitamins, minerals, and water, which must also be available in sufficient quantities. A lack of one of these nutrients results in impaired health and reduced productivity including the percentage of quail carcass.

Heart Percentage. The results analysis of the heart percentages in Japanese quail showed no significant difference ($P > 0.05$) in the treatments P0, P1, and P2. The heart is a muscular organ that plays an important role in blood circulation which is divided into four chambers, namely two ventricles and two atria. The mean percentage of heart in this study was P0 (0.92), P1 (0.95), and P2 (0.91). The results obtained are relatively the same because the maintenance system was confined or using battery cages and the activity was the same. The results of the heart percentage study were not much different from the results of Fatrah *et al.* (2018) where the percentage of the heart given a solution of *Moringa* leaves ranged from 0.88-0.95%. In contrast to the results of the study by Pradikdo *et al.* (2016) reported the percentage of quail heart obtained ranged from 0.73 - 0.80%. However, the results of this study are still in accordance with the percentage of the normal heart. The size of the heart depends on sex, age, weight and animal activity. Enlargement of heart size is usually caused by the addition of heart muscle tissue caused by the activity of these animals.

Liver Percentage. The analysis results of the variance of liver percentage in Japanese quail showed no significant difference ($P > 0.05$) in the treatment P0, P1, and P2. This is due to the absence of toxic ingredients in both commercial and organic feed and can still be accepted by quails so that there is no swelling or damage to the liver. The highest percentage of Japanese quail liver was found in P2 (3.13 ± 0.65), P1 (2.65 ± 0.65) and the lowest percentage of Japanese quail liver was P0 (2.51 ± 0.29). The average percentage of the liver was relatively higher than the result of Fatrah *et al.* (2018) that the average percentage of Japanese quail liver given a solution of *Moringa* leaves was $2.06 \pm 0.07 - 2.28 \pm 0.11\%$. The main function of the liver is to neutralize the acidic content of the digestive tract and initiate the digestion of fat by forming an emulsion. The liver plays a role in lipid metabolism, protein, carbohydrates, and detoxification.

Gizzard Percentage. The analysis results of the percentage of gizzard in Japanese quail showed significantly different results ($P < 0.05$).

The real difference was in treatment P0 with P1 and P0 with P2. The highest percentage of Japanese quail liver was found in treatment P1 ($4.18a \pm 0.45$) and P2 ($4.04a \pm 0.75$), while the lowest average was in treatment P0 ($2.78b \pm 0.46$). In contrast to the results of the study from Fatrah *et al.*, (2018) the percentage of Japanese quail gizzard was (2.54 ± 0.18) %. Asmawati (2015) reported where the percentage of Japanese quail gizzard obtained had an average of $2.77 \pm 0.49\%$. Arifin and Widiastuti (2016) also reported gizzard percentages ranging from 1.90 - 2.34%. The percentage of gizzard in treatment P1 and P2 in this study tends to be higher. This is due to treatment P1 and P2 having high crude fiber content, namely P1 (11.85) and P2 (9.66) %. Table 1 shows crude fiber affects the weight and percentage of gizzard. The size of the gizzard weight was also influenced by its activity. The weight of the gizzard is influenced by crude fiber in the feed (Engberg *et al.*, 2010; Lu *et al.*, 2011), so that the higher the content of crude fiber in the feed, the higher the activity of the gizzard. Dharmawanti and Ari (2012) stated that the increasing weight of gizzard is not due to increasing growth, but because its function is quite heavy in grinding food ingredients into smaller particles.

CONCLUSION

Based on the results of the study, the provision of standard organic feed (P1) and organic feed containing cassava leaves, turmeric powder and ginger (P2) cannot increase the percentage of carcass, heart, and liver, but increase the percentage of Japanese quail gizzard (*coturnix coturnix japonica*).

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