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## ABSTRACT

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The study was conducted at the Broiler Project of the Department of Animal Science at Cavite State University, Indang, Cavite from February 23, 2017 to March 29, 2017 to determine: (1) the effect of dried basil leaves in the body weight, feed consumption, and feed conversion ratio of the broilers; (2) the level of dried basil leaves most effective on the growth performance of broilers; (3) and the cost and return of raising broilers supplemented with different levels of dried basil leaves.

Ninety-six day-old chicks were used in the study for five weeks. The treatments were: Treatment 0- Pure Commercial feed, Treatment 1- 5 g dried basil leaves/kg of commercial feeds, Treatment 2- 10 g dried basil leaves/kg of commercial feeds, and Treatment 3- 15 g dried basil leaves/kg of commercial feeds. All data gathered were subjected to Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) and to Duncan's Multiple Range Test (DMRT) for significant differences of means.

The results of the study showed similar ( $P > 0.05$ ) body weight, cumulative feed consumption and feed conversion efficiency. However, broilers supplemented with dried basil leaves exhibited better numerical performance over the unsupplemented group. One hundred percent harvest recovery was recorded after the supplementation.

The highest production cost (P 3,379.82) came from birds given 15 g basil leaves while the lowest (P 3,349.44) was from the unsupplemented group. The highest net income (P 1,247.24) and return of investment (37.01%) were noted in birds given 10 g of dried basil leaves.

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## INTRODUCTION

Broiler Industry in the Philippines is less competitive due to higher input cost and importation. Broiler is one of the preferred meat by many people next to pork especially kids. The demand for broiler meat could rise due to our continuously growing population.

Meeting our demand for broiler meat by improving broiler production is the main aim of this study. Basil also known as Saint Joseph's Wort belongs to the mint family lamiaceae, and is one of the finest sources of many essential nutrients, minerals, and vitamins that is required for optimum health. It also contains essential oils that are known to have anti-inflammatory and anti-bacterial properties (Nordqvist et al., 2014). Supplementing basil to the diet of broilers may have a positive impact in the growth performance of the animals. It also holds many notable plant derived chemical compounds that are known to prevent disease in animals (Fortunati et al., 2009).