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ABSTRACT

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A study entitled "Efficacy of Selected Botanical Pesticides Against Flies (*Musca domestica* L.) Infesting Poultry" was conducted at the Crop Protection Laboratory of the Research Center and at the Animal Production Project, Cavite State University, Indang, Cavite, from March 2005 to December 2005. Specifically, this study aimed to: (a) evaluate the effect of different botanical pesticides in the oviposition preference of housefly; (b) evaluate the insecticidal properties of selected botanicals against housefly maggots; and (c) determine the concentration of the most effective botanical insecticide in controlling housefly maggots; and (d) produce an insecticide that is more affordable than commercial ones.

There were three experiments in the study, namely: Oviposition Test, Toxicity Test and Dilution Test. In the first and second experiments, there were four treatments, each replicated three times. The different treatments were as follows: T₁- control (Cymbush), T₂ (pure Chrysanthemum extract), T₃ (pure *Alagaw* extract), and T₄ (pure Psychic Nut extract). In the last experiment, there were five treatments, each replicated three times. The different treatments were as follows: T₁ (10% Chrysanthemum extract + 90% distilled water), T₂ (20% Chrysanthemum extract + 80% distilled water), T₃ (30%

Chrysanthemum extract + 70% distilled water), T_4 (40% Chrysanthemum extract + 60% distilled water), T_5 (50% Chrysanthemum extract + 50% distilled water).

In the first experiment (Oviposition Test), it was observed that Chrysanthemum was the most effective botanical used. Chrysanthemum has pyrethrins as its natural defense against insects. This might be the reason why Chrysanthemum is effective.

In the second experiment, results showed that among the botanicals used, Chrysanthemum was the most effective. Chrysanthemum has toxic substance called pyrethrin, which was proven many years ago and can be used as an insecticide. This might be the reason why Chrysanthemum is effective.

Results of dilution test reveals that Treatment 5 (50% Chrysanthemum extract + 50% distilled water) was the most effective among the concentrations tested. This may be due to the fact that the concentration with the highest amount of Chrysanthemum extract has also the highest pyrethrin content.

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INTRODUCTION

Poultry is one of the world's major and fastest producers of meat. However, the Philippine poultry industry has been facing a difficult situation since 1996. Poultry producers are incurring substantial losses due to aggressive expansion, coupled with high cost of inputs in the local and international markets, brought about by the peso devaluation and high interest rates. While the poultry producers have trimmed down growth to more moderate levels, the industry is now faced with an even greater challenge in global competition. In the Philippine economy, the livestock and poultry sector is a major growth contributor to the agricultural sector (Batolos, 1981).

Flies are one of the most common pests in poultry. They do not bite poultry but they can pose severe nuisances and spread some poultry diseases. They are present because of poultry manure and exposed wet feed which is ideal feeding and breeding materials (Lyon,1999).