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### ABSTRACT

A farm practice project on fattening hogs using chopped cassava tubers mixed with grated coconut and cono as feed supplement was conducted at a backyard piggery in Banaba Lejos, Indang, Cavite from August 1 to December 27, 1988.

Three piglets were used as feeder stock in this project with an average initial weight of 24 kilograms.

The three weanlings were provided with commercial growing mash and gradually shifted to hog finisher mash. During the finishing period, feeds were supplemented with chopped cassava tubers mixed with grated coconut and cono. Cassava tubers and cono as a source of energy and coconut as a source of protein had been long considered a better way of producing the high expenses for feeds. The hogs were fed twice a day with fresh and clean water too. Hygiene and sanitation was strictly observed.

On the average the fattened hogs attained 80 kilograms body weight in five months feeding. This gave an average feed efficiency of 3.47 out of 749.8 kilograms of feed consumed.

The total monetary benefit excluding labor cost was P671.00. Observation revealed that margin of pro-

fitability is largely dependent on the volume of production for a particular period.

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### INTRODUCTION

The high cost of production inputs, particularly commercial feeds, often discourage swine raisers to go big time. Thus, if a farmer can provide less expensive ration with high nutritive value, higher income may be realized. In order to have a low expensive ration, the farmers may use feed supplement in order to facilitate growth performance of the animals and convert feeds into meat more efficiently. For instance, finishing hogs may be given supplementation