

1 Buffalo feeding

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3 The Evaluation Of Buffaloes Feeding With Different Level Of Forage On The  
4 Content Of Fiber Fraction And Estimation Energy

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15 **Abstract-** This study aimed to evaluate of buffaloes feeding with different level of forage on  
16 the content of fiber fraction and estimation energy. Using a completely randomized design  
17 with 4 replicates. The diet treatments were: (R1), 100% field grass + 0% concentrate, (R2),  
18 70% field grass + 30% concentrate. (R3), 60% field grass + 40% concentrate (R4) 50% field  
19 grass + 50 % concentrate. The experimental results showed that the treatments feeding have  
20 significantly affected ( $p < 0.01$ ) on the content of Acid Detergent Fiber, Neutral Detergent  
21 Fibre, and estimation energy, but no effect ( $P > 0, 01$ ) on cellulose, hemicellulose, and lignin.  
22 Based on the data from the research results it could be concluded that using the different  
23 levels of forage and concentrated rations to buffaloes provides better productivity than just  
24 getting field grass.

25 **Keywords: the buffaloes, fibre fraction, energy estimation, feeding, concentrate**

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27 Introduction

28 Buffaloes are a potential source of protein food beside of cattle and other ruminants.  
29 Buffaloes have an advantage over cows, which can live in low - quality feed availability and  
30 can still reproduce well (Diwyanto and Handiwirawan, 2006). Currently, the system for  
31 maintaining buffaloes in Indonesia is generally maintained in marginal environmental areas,  
32 with a relatively small scale of business, traditional maintenance management, and has not  
33 been implemented the giving of balanced ration. The most important case the buffalo do not

1 get the maintenance feeding, so it causes buffaloes production not as good as in cattle  
2 (Muthalib, 2006; Sudirman et al, 2015). Suhubdy et al (2005) said that if livestock  
3 management of buffaloes is carried out with a pattern of livestock raising, then the  
4 productivity of buffalo would be better than cattle. Many research about feed management on  
5 ruminants have been done, but just a little bit for Buffalo cattle. The Research of Irawati et  
6 al., (2011) that no different affected production male buffalo eat concentrates 3 and 6 times a  
7 day. This research was conducted to improve the potential of Buffalo as a food protein with  
8 increased feed management and maintenance. The research treatment consists of forages and  
9 concentrates which were arranged based on the nutritional formulation of requirements  
10 feeding. This feeding needs to first evaluate the quality by analyzing the fiber fraction  
11 containing Acid Detergent Fiber (ADF), Neutral Detergent Fiber (NDF), Cellulose,  
12 Hemicellulose, and Lignin. The strategy of ruminant feeding formulation needs a very urgent  
13 fiber fraction. Fiber fraction is a very potent energy source in ruminants when is not inhibited  
14 by other factors such as lignification and crystallization. Research of Ron et al., (1993) about  
15 the levels of NDF and ADF contained in local feed ingredients given to cattle in collected  
16 because it is more accurate for estimating feed consumption, energy value, and total  
17 undigested nutrients. When a decreasing value of the Neutral Detergent Fiber will cause an  
18 increase in the lignin and decreases cellulose and hemicellulose levels. Hemicellulose and  
19 cellulose are components of cell walls that can be digested by microbes. The high levels of  
20 lignin cause microbes to be unable to utilize hemicellulose and cellulose perfectly. Therefore,  
21 the content of the fiber fraction should be optimal so the feeding will be beneficial to  
22 ruminants. The purpose of this study was to study the composition of fiber fractions (ADF,  
23 NDF, Cellulose, hemicellulose, and lignin) in buffalo rations with different forages and  
24 concentrates levels.

## 25 **Material and Methods**

1 This research aimed to evaluate the buffalo ration with different forage concentrate  
2 balance on the content of fiber fraction and energy estimation by base on ADF and NDF  
3 content. Forage used was field grass, *Setaria sp.* and some kind of leguminous that grow  
4 around the farming. Concentrates were formulated from sources of feed ingredients (tofu  
5 waste, rice bran, sago, palm oil cake) that are easy to obtain, and have given to 16 heads of  
6 female buffaloes. The sample took with the randomizing sampling.

7 The analysis of fiber fraction done by Filter Bag Technique (ANKOM Tech.), Van Soest  
8 modification.

### 9 **Experimental design**

10 The experimental design used was completely randomized design with 4 replications.

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12 The diets treatments were:

13 R1= 100% field grass + 0 % concentrate

14 R2 = 70% field grass + 30% concentrate,

15 R3 = 60% field grass + 40% concentrate

16 R4 = 50% field grass + 50 % concentrate

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18 The observed variables included the content of ADF, NDF, cellulose, hemicellulose,  
19 and lignin ration treatments. The result of analyzing ADF and NDF have using to estimate  
20 the Net Energy Maintenance (NEM), Net Energy Gain (NEG), Net Energy Lactation, and  
21 Total Digestible Nutrient (Ron et al.1993).

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23 The procedure for calculating energy estimates:

24 Net Energy Maintenance =  $1,037 - 0,0124 \times \text{ADF}$

25 Net Energy Gain =  $[2,54 (2,42/(\text{NEM} \times 2,2))]/2,2$

1 Net Energy Lactation = 1,037 – 0,0124x ADF

2 Total Digestible Nutrient = 8 + 86 x NEL)

### 3 **Statistical analysis**

4 All data were subjected to an analysis of variance and significant differences were  
5 further tested by Duncan's multiple range test.

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## **RESULT AND DISCUSSION**

### 8 **The Content of Fiber Fraction**

9 Based on the results of statistic analysis shown the treatment rations with different  
10 levels of forage and concentrate showed a very significant affected ( $p < 0.01$ ) on the content of  
11 ADF and NDF. Further testing with the Duncan multiple range test shown significant  
12 differences between R1, R2, R3, and R4. However, differences in the composition of the  
13 forage and the concentrate did not have a significant affected ( $p > 0.05$ ) on the content of  
14 cellulose, hemicellulose, and lignin. Research's Astuti et al (2019) giving of ration  
15 concentrates on buffaloes provides better productivity than just getting field grass. Based on  
16 the data in Table 1, it can be seen that the R1 treatment ration was the highest content of  
17 ADF and NDF which significantly different from R2, R3, and R4. The content of ADF and  
18 NDF decreases being under the reduced of forage and increased concentrates in the ration.  
19 This was because R1, be arranged 100% of forage of grasses, certainly has a higher fiber  
20 content than other rations (R2, R3, and R4) that have used concentrates and reduced using of  
21 forage. However, the ADF and NDF contents are more abundant in forage grass than  
22 concentrates. ADF includes cellulose, lignin and lignified nitrogen compounds, NDF  
23 contains cellulose, hemicellulose, lignin, and lignified nitrogen compounds (Pathak, 2005).  
24 The content of cellulose, hemicellulose, and lignin showed no significant effect ( $p > 0.05$ ) on  
25 differences in forage and concentrate levels. Table 1 shown the contents of cellulose was

1 directly proportional to the contents of hemicellulose, the higher the content of cellulose, and  
2 also of the hemicellulose content when the cellulose content increases, the hemicellulose  
3 content will be. The average of cellulose and hemicellulose content in this research was  
4 around 28.39-31.45%, and 13.31 16.79%. Taherzadeh (1999) said that the amount of  
5 hemicellulose was usually between 15-30% of the dry weight of lignocellulose. However,  
6 cellulose and hemicellulose content is inversely proportional to lignin content. If the lignin  
7 content increases, the cellulose and hemicellulose content will be decreased. Lignin binds  
8 cellulose and hemicellulose by lignocellulose binding. Sudirman, et al (2015) said the  
9 increasing levels of lignin, resulting in decreased hemicellulose levels. Hemicellulose and  
10 cellulose are part of digestible cell wall components. The results of this study indicate that  
11 the average content of the ADF treatment ration ranges from 25.15 to 39.48%, the NDF  
12 content is 51.19-56.27%.

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#### 14 **Estimation Energy of Feed Treatment**

15 Available energy of feeds important must be known for diet formulation and  
16 nutritional and economic comparisons among feedstuffs. The large demand for energy of high  
17 producing ruminants requires accurate determination of available energy of feeds. Based on  
18 the data from the ADF and NDF analysis done calculating an estimation of energy content  
19 and total digestible energy, as shown in Table 2.

20 The table 2 shown that the lowest NDF content of ration treatment was 51, 19%,  
21 there were shown that all ration formulation has the content of NDF up 50%, and this means  
22 that the feed formulation more of half a part of ration as a forage and the source of fiber. The  
23 results of the variant analysis showed that the use of forages and concentrates of buffaloes  
24 feeding with intensifications shown the high significant affected ( $P < 0.01$ ) on the estimated  
25 NEM, NEG, NEL, and TDN. The further test using Duncan's multiple range test shown the

1 ration of R1 the only forage of field grass has the lowest energy estimate compared by the  
2 ration of R2, R3, and R4 using a concentrate. Estimated Energy Maintenance ranges from 0,  
3 55-0, 71 Mcal, NEG range 0, 24-0, 47Mcal, NEL 0, 55-0, 71 Mcal. The data (Table 3) shown  
4 that the highest estimated energy (NEM, NEG, NEL, and TDN) the ration treatments on the  
5 R4, and the lowest was on R1 ration treatment. It means the ration R1, only consisted of field  
6 grass was estimated energy to be significantly lower than the treatment ration added by  
7 concentrates. The Buffaloes need energy for maintenance, growth, development,  
8 reproduction, and production performance. ( Zicarelli L, 2004; Ståhl and Lind, 2003). Energy  
9 is generally acquired from carbohydrates such as starch, cellulose, and fat. The physiological  
10 nature of the digestive system in buffaloes makes the cellulose (exist in the roughage) a very  
11 important and rather cheap energy source. The energy requirement is also closely associated  
12 with the type, amount, quality, and presentation method of feed consumed by buffaloes. The  
13 buffaloes feeding better when formulated the field grass and concentrates.

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## 15 **CONCLUSION**

16 Based on the results of research, it can be  
17 concluded that the content formulation rations were field grass and concentrate better energy  
18 than just getting field grass for buffalo. The best formulation feeding can ben achieved at the  
19 ratio of 50% field grass and 50% concentrate.

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23   Table 1. The Average of Fibre Fraction of Ration Treatments (% Dry matter)

Variables (%)	Ration treatments				SE
	R1	R2	R3	R4	



ADF	39.48 <sup>a</sup>	26.40 <sup>b</sup>	26.35 <sup>b</sup>	25.14 <sup>b</sup>	0.87
NDF	56.27 <sup>a</sup>	54.29 <sup>a</sup>	53.22 <sup>b</sup>	51.19 <sup>b</sup>	0.90
Cellulose	31.45	30.08	29.30	28.39	0.96
Hemicellulose	16.79	14.54	13.18	13.31	2.16
Lignin	8.02	8.24	9.06	8.41	0.46

1 Note:

2 R1: 100% native grass + 0% concentrate, R2: 70% native grass + 30% concentrate, R3: 60% native  
3 grass + 40% concentrate, R4: 50% native grass+50% concentrate. (a - c) Significant differences  
4 between the rows (p<0.05)

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6 Table 2. The Average of estimation energy

Variables (%)	Ration treatments				SE
	R1	R2	R3	R4	
NEM (Mkal)	0.55 <sup>b</sup>	0.71 <sup>a</sup>	0.71 <sup>a</sup>	0.71 <sup>a</sup>	0.01
NEG (Mkal)	0,24 <sup>b</sup>	0,45 <sup>a</sup>	0,45 <sup>a</sup>	0,47 <sup>a</sup>	0.02
NEL (Mkal)	0,55 <sup>b</sup>	0,71 <sup>a</sup>	0,71 <sup>a</sup>	0,73 <sup>a</sup>	0.01
TDN (%)	55,08 <sup>b</sup>	69,03 <sup>b</sup>	69,08 <sup>b</sup>	70,38 <sup>a</sup>	0.92

7 Note:

8 R1: 100% grass field + 0% concentrate, R2: 70% grass field + 30% concentrate, R3: 60% grass field +  
9 40% concentrate, R4: 50% grass field +50% concentrate. (a - c) Significant differences between the rows  
10 (p<0.05)., NEG = net energy gain, NEm = net energy maintenance, net energy gain (NEg, Mcal/kg), and  
11 Total Digestible Nutrients (TDN, %).

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