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2 Kacang Goats
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4 **DIETARY SULFUR AND PHOSPHORUS SUPPLEMENTATION ON**
5 **KACANG GOATS FED DIET CONTAINING FERMENTED OIL**
6 **PALM FRONDS**
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19 **ABSTRACT**

20 The research purpose to evaluate the effect of sulfur and phosphorus
21 supplementation in the complete feed-based fermented oil palm fronds (OPF)
22 on the nutrient digestibility, consumption of feed, average daily gain, and feed
23 efficiency of Kacang goats. Using the completely randomized design by 4
24 treatments with 4 replicates for the analysis in vitro method of diet and a block
25 randomized design for the performance of goats in this research. The diet
26 treatment consisted of 40% fermented OPF + 60% concentrates. The dietary

1 treatments consisted of R1 = control ration (40% fermented OPF + 60%
2 concentrate) without sulfur and phosphorus supplementation. R2 = R1 + 0.4%
3 sulfur, R3 = R1 + 0.27% phosphorus, and R4 = R1 + 0.4% sulfur + 0.27%
4 phosphorus. The results of this experiment showed the significant effect of
5 the sulfur and phosphorus supplementation in the complete feed on dry matter
6 and organic matter digestibility ($p < 0.05$), but no effect on; crude; protein,
7 fiber, and the performance of goats. It could be concluded that the sulfure and
8 phosphorus supplementation had no effects on feed intake, daily gain, and
9 feed efficiency of Kacang goats.

10 **Keywords: Sulfur, phosphorus, complete feed, oil palm frond,** fermented

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12 INTRODUCTION

13 Indonesia is one of the largest producer plantation of palm oil in the
14 world's with a total area of approximately 11,300,400 ha (Statistic Indonesia,
15 2019). Plantation technology has reached to zero waste. Almost every part of
16 the tree has been studied for its application in various fields including energy,
17 food, materials, manufacturing and so forth. In the field of veterinary, the oil
18 palm leaves or pruned oil palm fronds (OPF) have been found suitable for
19 feeding the goats. The availability of OPF has the potential to be used as
20 ruminant feed as a substitute for forage. Warly et al, (2017). The dry matter
21 and crude protein digestibility of 60% OPF in Simmental cattle were 59.40 %
22 and 59.40%. Unfortunately, the disadvantage of OPF have their high lignin
23 content and the low of digestibility nutrients. Astuti's researched (2017) the
24 lignin content of OPF mixed with concentrate was 11,64%. The dry matter

1 and organic matter digestibility of OPF was 35,47% and 53,68% (M. Tahsin,
2 et al, 2018).

3 The technology of fermentation could improve the nutritional contents of
4 feeds, and increase their biological values when being utilized by animals
5 (Steinkraus, 2002). Some fermentation studies of animal feeds used
6 commercial microorganisms of fungi, bacteria, and others, but in this research,
7 the OPF were fermented by the source of the local microorganism of the
8 rumen liquor. Astuti et al. (2016) use of local waste as a source of
9 microorganisms was very profitable because of the cheaper cost and the
10 process was easier. Furthermore, Astuti et al. (2019) reported that
11 fermentation process OPF by local microorganisms of the rumen liquor, and
12 *Lactobacillus* sp. with the addition of water-soluble carbohydrates could
13 decrease the content of ADF, NDF, cellulose, and lignin of OPF. Akin et al.
14 (1983) described that the microbes could be stimulated by adding sulfur, and
15 improved animal weight gain. Rumen microbes could use sulfur to synthesize
16 sulfur-containing amino acids (Karto, 1999). Sulfur (S) is part of cysteine
17 and methionine (Richter, 2011) and a precursor for the other S-
18 containing amino acid (NRC, 2000). Sulfur deficiency decreased the
19 growth of rumen microbes and reduced their contribution to forage digestion
20 (Bal and Ozturk, 2006). A lower phosphorus content in the rumen causes
21 reduce rumen microbial growth and thereby reduces cellulose
22 degradation (Witt and Owens, 1981). This researc purpose to analyze the
23 effect of sulfur and phosphorus supplementation in complete feed-based
24 fermented OPF on the production performance and nutrient digestibility of
25 Kacang goatsThe supplementation of sulfur and phosphorus in the diet

1 treatment be thought to affect the digestibility of nutrients and the production
2 performance of goats

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MATERIALS AND METHODS

5 **Feed preparation**

6 The rumen liquors were taken from the abattoir and put into a tube,
7 added with sugar and coconut water to feed microorganisms, then incubated
8 for 10 days with anaerobic (Astuti et al., 2016). This mixture was called local
9 microorganisms. Crushed OPF was mixed with these local microorganisms
10 and then incubated for 7 days to generate the fermented OPF

11 The complete feed was composed of fermented OPF (as a forage) and
12 concentrate mixture. The ration formulation consisting of forage and
13 concentrates base on the nutritional requirements of Kacang goats. The
14 mixture or complete feed was made into biscuit by pressing and drying
15 procedures, and each biscuit had a dimension of $5 \times 7 \times 2 \text{ cm}^3$. The complete
16 feed biscuits were light brown in color cause of a non-enzymatic browning
17 reaction. The purpose of making biscuits is to reduce dust, increase
18 palatability, reduce feed residue, reduce feed volume, and facilitate handling,
19 storage, and transportation (Saenab et al., 2010).

20 **Experimental animals**

21 A total of 16 Kacang goats (body weight ranged from 9.5 to 24.7 kg)
22 were employed in the present experiment. Guideline for ethics study of
23 experimental animals based on the law of the Republic of Indonesia number
24 18 of 2009 about Animal livestock and animal husbandry. All the goats were
25 placed in individual cages and received experimental diets at a level start of

1 3% body weight on a dry matter basis. Kearl (1982) stated that the nutrient
2 requirement of goat (BW10-20 kg, ADG 75 g) is about 3.1-3.5% of body
3 weight). The goats were obtained from the farmers who have kept the previous
4 extensification. Thus, it need the preliminary and introduction fase before
5 starting experiment.

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7 **Experimental design and data analysis**

8 The research design has done using a completely randomized with four
9 treatments and four replicates. The dietary treatments consisted of R1 =
10 control ration (40% fermented OPF + 60% concentrate) without sulfur and
11 phosphorus supplementation. R2 = R1 + 0.4% sulfur, R3 = R1 + 0.27%
12 phosphorus, and R4 = R1 + 0.4% sulfur + 0.27% phosphorus. A block
13 randomized design was used to evaluates the performances of goats. The
14 formulation of ration treatment were presented in Table 1.

15 The observed variables in the present study were nutrient digestibility
16 such as dry matter (DM), organic matter (OM), crude protein (CP) and crude
17 fiber (CF) digestibilities. The performances of goats such as feed intake, daily
18 gain, feed efficiency wee also measured. Moisture, CP, CF, and ash were
19 analyzed using the AOAC method (AOAC, 2011), while the nutrient
20 digestibility was measured using an *in vitro* rumen fermentation technique
21 (Tilley and Terry, 1963).

22 The analysis of variance used to analyze all data and continued using
23 Duncan's multiple range tests when a certain variable showed significance at
24 $P < 0.05$.

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RESULTS

Nutrient Digestibility

The nutrient digestibility of the experimental diets is presented in Table 2. The experimental results showed that dry matter and organic matter digestibilities were significantly affected ($P < 0.05$), whereas crude fibre and crude protein digestibilities did not significantly affected ($P > 0.05$). It was showed that R1 had more lower DM digestibility than R2,

Performance of Kacang Goats

Table 3 shows the effect of experimental diets on feed intake, feed efficiency, and daily gain of Kacang goats. Experimental results shows that feed intake, feed efficiency and daily gain were not significantly affected by the treatments ($P > 0.05$).

DISCUSSION

Nutrient digestibility

It is quite interesting that the 0.4% sulfur in the feed formulation (R2) had higher the digestibility of both dry matter and organic matter as compared with the phosphorus (R3) and the sulfur-phosphorus mixture (R4). The supplementation of sulfur and phosphorus to the complete feed based on OPF may be unable to optimize the functioning of rumen microbes to produce the fiber and protein digestive enzymes. Tahsin et al. (2018) reported that the digestibility of DM and OM of fermented OPF were 58.56 and 73.88%, respectively.

1 The sulfur supplementation failed to improve the crude protein and
2 crude fiber digestibilities. it is possible that the dose of sulfur was unadequate
3 to upgrade the functioning of rumen microbes. This result was different from
4 Zain et al. (2010) who reported that sulfur supplementation to the rice straw
5 ammoniation could improve the DM, OM, CP, and CF digestibilities.

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7 **Performance of Kacang goats**

8 The supplementation of sulfur and phosphor to the complete feed
9 based on fermented OPF did not affect the palatability resulting in similar feed
10 intake. **The feed intaked on this research about 462-480 gram/ head/day.** The
11 result of this research was similar to the research of Nurhaita et al. (2014) who
12 declare that the average of feed intake ranged from 307,25% - 375,79%
13 g/head/day. The feed inatke result of this research was lower than Musnandar
14 et al (2011) who reported that the average of feed intake was 895.87 g/day.

15 The goats weight daily gain, feed intake, and feed efficiency were not
16 affected by sulfur and phosphor supplementation. **The daily gain of goats**
17 **research about 16.6 - 52.2 gram/day, and the highest on R1 treatment (control**
18 **ration without supplementation S and P).** This was because the Kacang goats
19 have typically small size of weight and the low of daily gain (Setiadi, 2003),
20 and suspect doses of supplementation S and P not affect the activity rumen
21 microbe of goats in this research.

22 **The result of this researched was similar with the saragih resulted**
23 **(2014) that used OPF silage as feeding of kacang goats, and getting about 9.14**
24 **– 50.57 gram/head/day daily gain.**

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CONCLUSION

Supplementation of sulfur and/or phosphorus improved DM and OM digestibility but had no effects on CP and CF digestibility. The supplementation had no effects on feed intake, daily gain and feed efficiency of Kacang goats.

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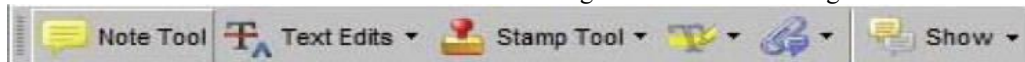
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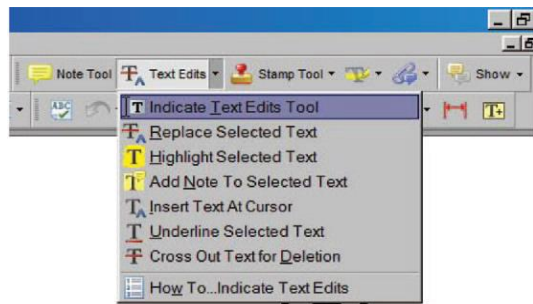


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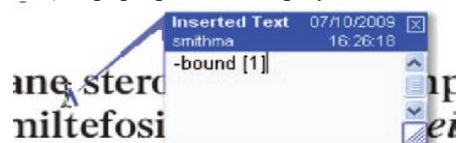
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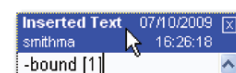
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