

# Spray-dried plasma in Poultry Production

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# Outline

- Getting Birds off to a good start
- What is Spray-Dried Plasma (Functional Proteins)
- Plasma level in broilers
- Effect of feed processing on poultry feed containing plasma
- Stress conditions
- Conclusions

# Early Growth

- Like weanling pigs, chicks are switching diets at hatch.
- Going from yolk as nutrient source of fat and lipoproteins to diet of carbohydrates and proteins
- Early growth impacts subsequent performance:
  - 1 g at 7 d = 5-10 g at 40 d.
- So... 150 vs 180 g at 7 d = 150-300 g extra at market
- \$0.015-0.025 investment per bird for 150-300 g extra BW at market.

# Impacting Gut Health

- Bacterial overgrowth is a main issue to impact gut health and performance
- Undigested nutrients to the ceca impacts bacterial overgrowth
- **Protein** is one nutrient that is an issue of being undigested contributing to bacterial overgrowth in the first 10 d

# Plasma Benefits

- Highly digestible protein
  - Reduce soybean meal in diet
- Improves ADG, F:G and survival
- Help support and maintain the immune system
  - Reduces impact of enteric and respiratory challenge
- Improved intestinal barrier function
  - Better nutrient utilization
- Better fecal score
  - Dryer litter and more fecal consistency



# Functional Proteins

# What are Functional Proteins?

- **Proteins**
  - Nutritional source of amino acids
- **Functional Proteins**
  - Biological actions beyond nutrition
- **Functional Proteins maintain normal gut function and support animal health**



# Functional Protein Effects

- Numerous studies document positive effects of diets containing plasma on:
  - performance
  - morbidity
  - mortality
- Effects are documented and consistent
  - 300+ published journal articles
  - Effective across multiple species
    - ruminant, poultry, aquaculture, companion animal, and swine

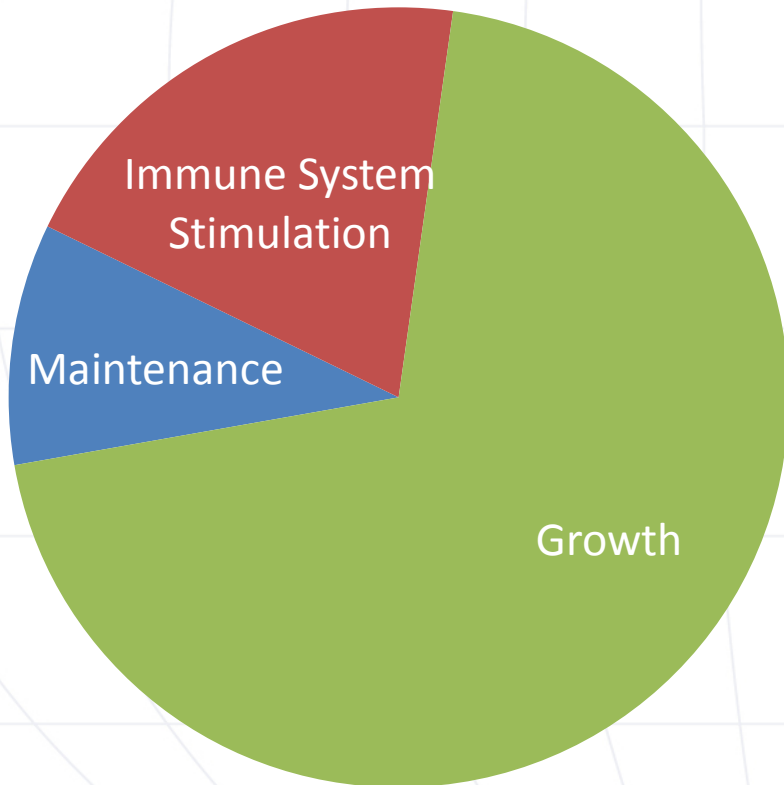




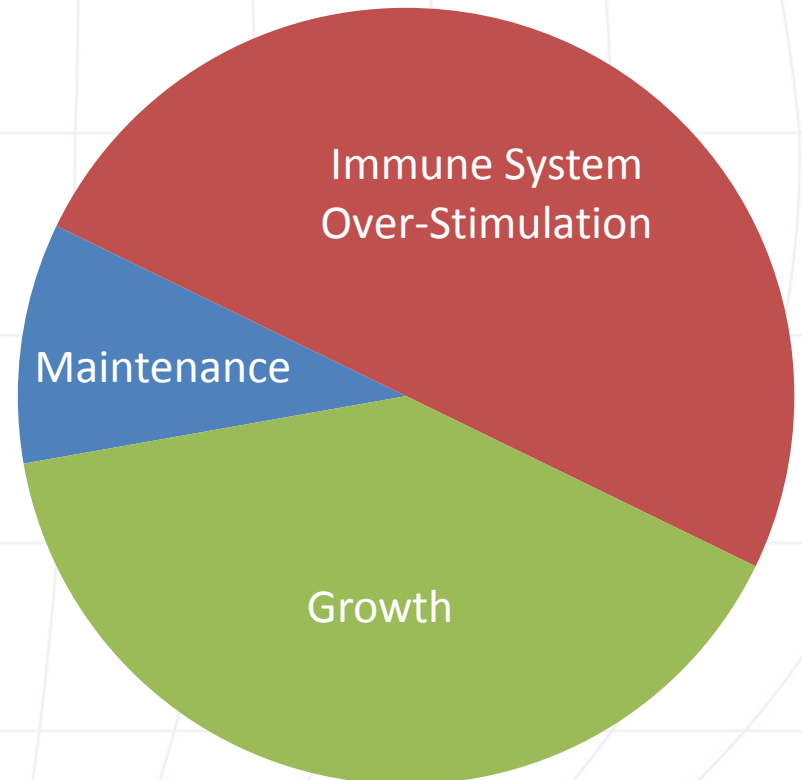
# There is only so much energy & resources available for production



With Functional Proteins



Without Functional Proteins



# Summary of FP Effects

- Improves digestibility
- Improves bone strength
- Improves reproduction
- Improves feed efficiency
- Speeds repair of tissues
- Reduces effects of inflammation
- Reduces diarrhea
- Reduces mortality
- Reduces treatments
- Reduces clinical respiratory symptoms

# Dietary plasma proteins, the intestinal immune system, and the barrier functions of the intestinal mucosa<sup>1</sup>

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**ABSTRACT:** The intestinal mucosa contributes to homeostasis by preventing the entrance of biological and chemical agents across the epithelium that could alter the stability of the system. This protective function is especially important at the time of weaning, when animals are exposed to infectious agents and to numerous stresses such as changes in diet. Diets supplemented with plasma protein improve growth performance and are proposed as an alternative to antibiotics. We summarize the action of dietary protein on intestinal inflammation, the release of mucosal proinflammatory mediators, and the barrier functions of the intestinal mucosa.

**Key words:** gut

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## INTRODUCTION

Spray-dried plasma when included in the diet

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## Dietary Plasma Protein Supplements Prevent the Release of Mucosal Proinflammatory Mediators in Intestinal Inflammation in Rats<sup>1,2</sup>

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## Abstract

Spray-dried plasma (SDP) is a complex mixture of active proteins that modulates the immune response of gut-associated lymphoid tissue. We examined whether SDP and Ig concentrate (IC) supplementation could modulate cytokine expression and inflammatory mediators in rats challenged with *Staphylococcus aureus* enterotoxin B (SEB). Weanling rats were fed diets supplemented with SDP (8% wt:wt), IC (1.5% wt:wt), or milk proteins (control diet) from weaning (d 21) to 34 after birth. On d 32 and 35, the rats were given SEB (0.5 mg/kg; intraperitoneal). Six hours after the second SEB dose, jejunal mucosa and Peyer's patches (PP) from the small intestine were collected. The cytokines interferon- $\gamma$  (IFN $\gamma$ ), tumor necrosis factor- $\alpha$  (TNF $\alpha$ ), interleukin (IL)-6, IL-10, transforming growth factor- $\beta$  (TGF $\beta$ ), and leukotriene B<sub>4</sub> (LTB<sub>4</sub>) were analyzed using commercial kits. SEB increased the release of proinflammatory mediators (IFN $\gamma$ , TNF $\alpha$ , IL-6, and LTB<sub>4</sub>) in PP ( $P < 0.05$ ) and in the mucosa ( $P < 0.05$ ). In both tissues, SDP prevented the increase in IFN $\gamma$ , IL-6, and LTB<sub>4</sub> induced by SEB ( $P < 0.05$ ). IC reduced the expression of TNF $\alpha$  and LTB<sub>4</sub> in PP and mucosa ( $P < 0.05$ ). SDP supplementation increased IL-10 and mature TGF $\beta$  concentrations in intestinal mucosa from both inflamed and noninflamed rats. Both SDP and IC increased the mature:total TGF $\beta$  ratio ( $P < 0.05$ ). Both supplements were effective at preventing the SEB-induced increase in proinflammatory/anti-inflammatory cytokine ratios in PP and mucosa and in serum. The preventive effects of plasma supplements on intestinal inflammation involve modulation of intestinal cytokines, characterized by an increased expression of anti-inflammatory cytokines. *J. Nutr.* 140: 25–30, 2010.

## Introduction

The gastrointestinal tract provides a protective interface between the luminal compartment, containing large amounts of microbes and antigens derived from food, and its internal milieu. The intestinal mucosa controls the penetration of luminal antigens and the generation of immunologic responses in the gut and dysregulation of these processes causes intestinal inflammation. Even in the absence of inflammatory stimuli, the healthy intestine is in a proinflammatory state that is characterized by the generation of proinflammatory cytokines (1).

Because the host's immune responses can be modulated by diet (2), the dietary approach offers a therapeutic potential in conditions associated with gut-barrier dysfunction and inflammatory response. Dietary supplementation with spray-dried

natural killer cell populations of the diffuse GALT. *Staphylococcus enterotoxin B* significantly increased proinflammatory cytokines in Peyer's patches and mucosa. Plasma protein supplements modulated the mucosal immune response in organized and diffuse GALT, protecting GALT from possible excessive activation by the SEB challenge. These effects are accompanied by

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Acute lung injury is the result of the inhaled or endogenous noxious agent by the activation of nasal and bronchial lymphoid tissue. Since lungs are a large number of micro-organisms an entry route for pathogens into the body of the most frequent causes of human pneumonia. The inflammation cascade involves immune system, in which neutrophils are the primary cells in the inflammatory response as they are activated and programmed to attract monocytes and dendritic cells. Enter nutrition has a role in the prevention of inflammatory responses in the

Abbreviations: BALF, bronchoalveolar lavage; granulocyte-macrophage colony-stimulating

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plasma (SDP)<sup>3</sup> improves the intestinal homeostasis: basal activation of the immune system (3,4). Furf feed can reduce intestinal inflammation in weaned pigs, as indicated by decreased intraleukocyte lymphocytes and lamina propria cell density in the large intestine (5).

Recent information about the mechanism of action of SDP has been obtained in a rat model of mild intestinal inflammation. The model is based on the systemic administration of enterotoxin B of *Staphylococcus aureus* (SEB) (4). This activates the mucosal immune system affecting both organized and diffuse gut-associated lymphoid tissue (GALT). Plasma supplement preparations, either SDP (full SDP) or Ig concentrate (IC), can prevent SEB-induced increases in some GALT populations, such as the activated T helper cells present in Peyer's patches (PP) (4). They can also partly prevent the SEB-induced increase in paracellular flux across the epithelium, due to the reduced

Abbreviations used: GALT, gut-associated lymphoid tissue; GAPDH, glyceraldehyde phosphate dehydrogenase; IC, Ig concentrate; IFN $\gamma$ , interferon- $\gamma$ ; IL, interleukin; NOS, inducible nitric oxide synthase; LTB<sub>4</sub>, leukotriene B<sub>4</sub>; PP, Peyer's patches; SDP, spray-dried plasma; SEB, *Staphylococcus aureus* enterotoxin B; TGF $\beta$ , transforming growth factor- $\beta$ ; TNF $\alpha$ , tumor necrosis factor- $\alpha$ .

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## Dietary plasma proteins attenuate the innate immunity response in a mouse model of acute lung injury

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## Abstract

We examined whether oral plasma protein supplements could attenuate the innate immunity response in a mouse model of acute lung injury. Mice were fed diets supplemented with 8% spray-dried plasma (SDP) or 1% Ig concentrate (IC) for 24 days (and killed 6 h later for cytokine) by twenty-sevenfold, an effect that was partly prevented by SDP. In the SDP. In unchallenged mice, both SDP and IC completely prevented the release of cytokines (TNF- $\alpha$ , IL-1 $\alpha$ , IL-6, and chemokines (CXCL1, CXCL2, CXCL3) and IC. For chemokines, CXCL2, CXCL3 and CXCL4 production ( $P < 0.05$ ) toxin-associated lung injury.

**Key words:** Spray-dried animal plasma

## Nonruminant Nutrition: Sow Nutrition and Management

**281P Effect of graded levels of dietary spray-dried plasma on pregnancy rate of mated female mice under transport stress as a model for stressed sows.** M. Song<sup>1</sup>, J. J. Lee<sup>1</sup>, Y. Liu<sup>1</sup>, J. A. Soares<sup>1</sup>, T. M. Che<sup>1</sup>, J. M. Campbell<sup>1</sup>, J. Polo<sup>2</sup>, S. W. Seo<sup>3</sup> and J. E. Pettigrew<sup>1</sup>, <sup>1</sup>University of Illinois, Urbana, <sup>2</sup>APC Inc., Ankeny, IA, <sup>3</sup>Chungnam National University, Daejeon, South Korea.

Data from our 5 previous studies indicated that prolonged transport stress of mice immediately after mating resulted in a low pregnancy rate (average 11%), and that a high level (8%) of dietary spray-dried plasma (SDP) consistently and markedly increased the pregnancy rate (average 51%). This study was conducted to determine whether lower levels of SDP have a similar effect. Mated female mice ( $n = 202$ ; 16.2  $\pm$  1.16 g BW; C57BL/6 strain) were shipped from Bar Harbor, ME to Urbana, IL on the day the vaginal plug was found (gestation day (GD) 1), arriving at the laboratory in IL on GD 3. They were housed in individual cages and randomly assigned to dietary treatments (0, 1, 2, 4, and 8% SDP [CON, SDP1, SDP2, SDP4, and SDP8, respectively]). The diets were formulated to similar ME, CP, and AA levels without antibiotics, and fed for 16 d. The pregnant mice ( $n = 67$ ; 27.9  $\pm$  2.06 g BW) were euthanized on GD 19 to measure growth performance of pregnant mice, number of fetuses, average fetal and placental wt, and organ wt (liver, spleen, lung, and kidneys). The SDP treatments increased ( $P < 0.05$ ; Table) the ADG and G:F from GD 3 to 19, and number of fetuses per litter, average fetal wt, and wt of liver and spleen on GD 19, compared with the CON, but did not affect ADL, placental wt, ratio between fetal and placental wt, and other organ wt. In conclusion, these data confirm that SDP increases growth of pregnant mice and their fetuses, and that the magnitude of response depends on the dose of SDP.

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Table 1. SDP effects on pregnant mice

Item	CON	SDP1	SDP2	SDP4	SDP8	SEM	Dier <sup>1</sup>	L <sup>1</sup>	Q <sup>1</sup>
Pregnant mice, n	74	16	17	17	17				
ADG, g/d	0.54	0.65	0.67	0.75	0.77	0.03	-0.05	-0.05	-0.05
G:F	0.16	0.21	0.21	0.22	0.23	0.008	-0.05	-0.05	0.059
Fetus/litter, n	5.6	5.6	6.1	7.0	7.0	0.42	-0.05	-0.05	0.18
Avg fetal wt, g	0.87	1.04	1.01	0.98	0.99	0.02	-0.05	0.28	0.059
Liver wt of BW, %		4.51	4.46	4.49	4.84	0.02	-0.05	-0.05	0.56
Spleen wt of BW, %		0.17	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.05	-0.05	-0.05	0.43

<sup>1</sup>P-value for diet and for linear (L) and quadratic (Q) effects of SDP

Key Words: pregnant mice, fetal characteristics, spray-dried plasma

**Table 1. SDP effect on pregnancy rate of mated female mice under transport stress<sup>1</sup>**

Item	CON	SDP1	SDP2	SDP4	SDP8	Initial BW <sup>2</sup>	Inter-Dier <sup>3</sup>	Action <sup>4</sup>		
Overall, %	7	35	40	43	43	(17.40)	(17.40)	0.069	-0.05	0.38
Initial BW	4	27	33	32	38	(16.5 g)	(17.40)	(8/25)	(9/24)	
Initial BW	13	50	50	60	50	(16.5 g)	(17.40)	(8/16)	(9/15)	(8/16)

<sup>1</sup>Data are number of pregnant/mated mice in the parentheses. Data were analyzed by chi-squared test.

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# Environment Impacts the Plasma Response

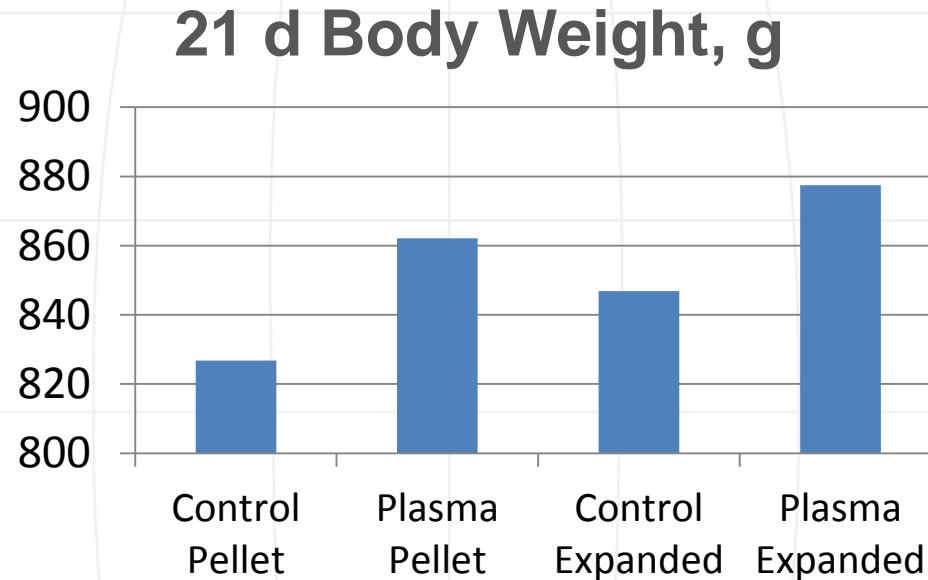


- The response to plasma is greater when birds are housed in typical production settings.

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# Effect of Feed Processing on Poultry Feed Containing Plasma

# APC Functional Protein Effects During Feed Processing

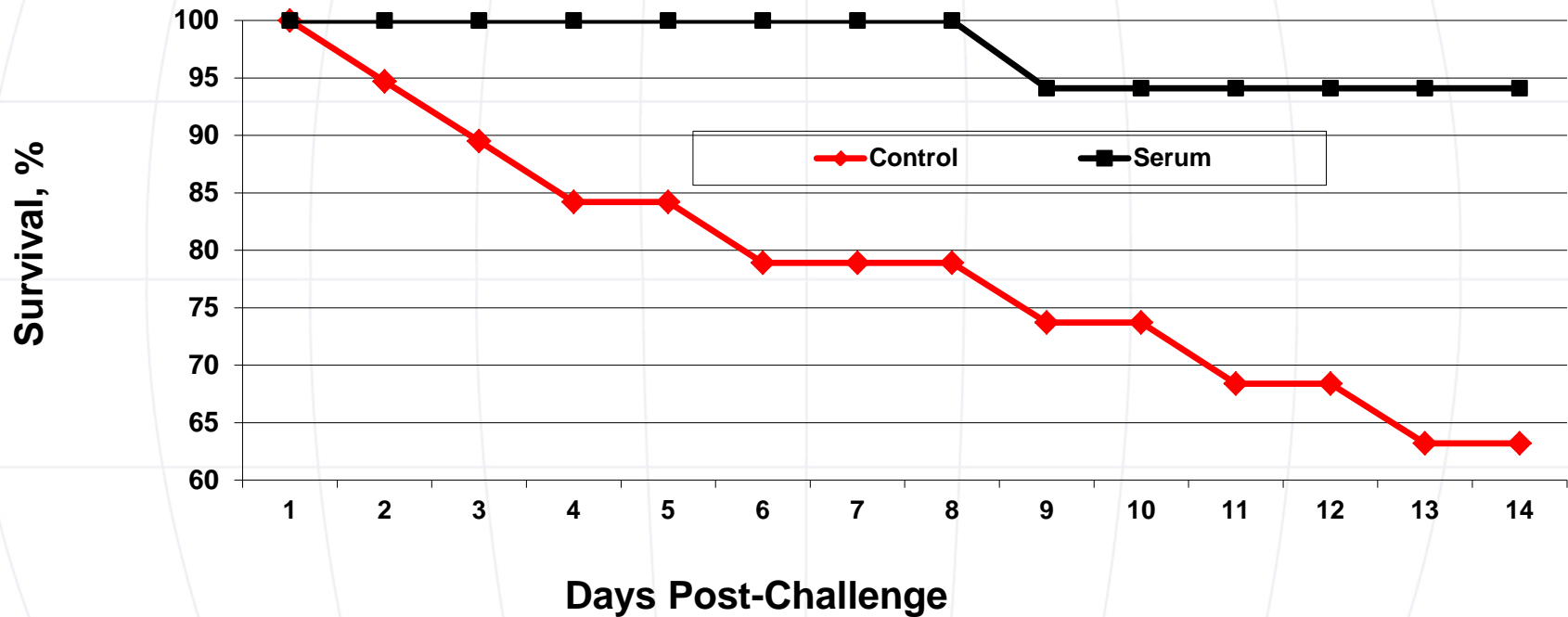


Pelleting (85°C) or expanding conditioning temperatures of feed does not affect the plasma improvement in performance.

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# Stress conditions

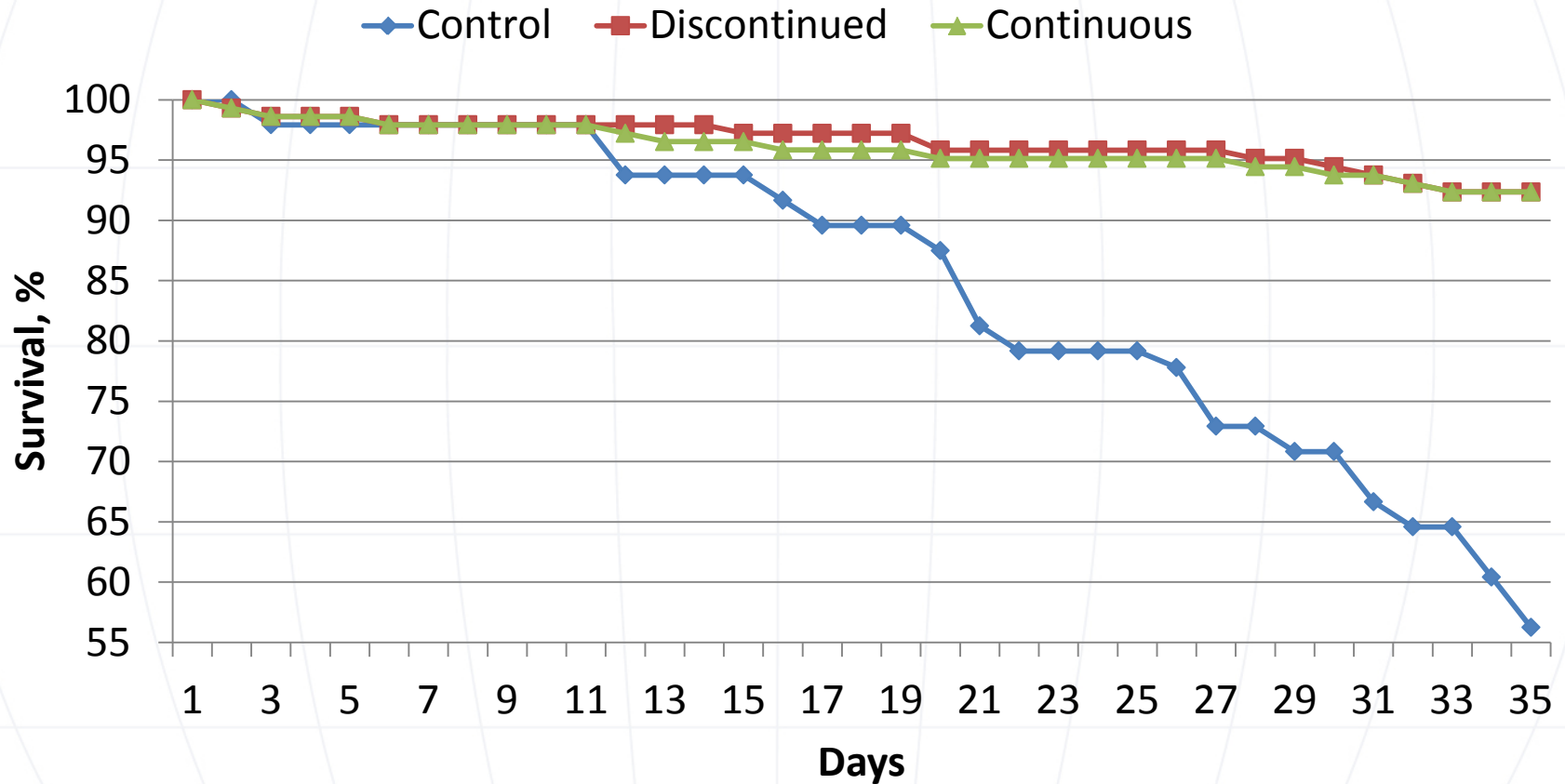
# Plasma protein reduces mortality when challenged with *Pasteurella multocida*



Plasma protein improves survival during respiratory challenge



# Duration of Feeding Plasma in Broiler Diets During Natural Necrotic Enteritis



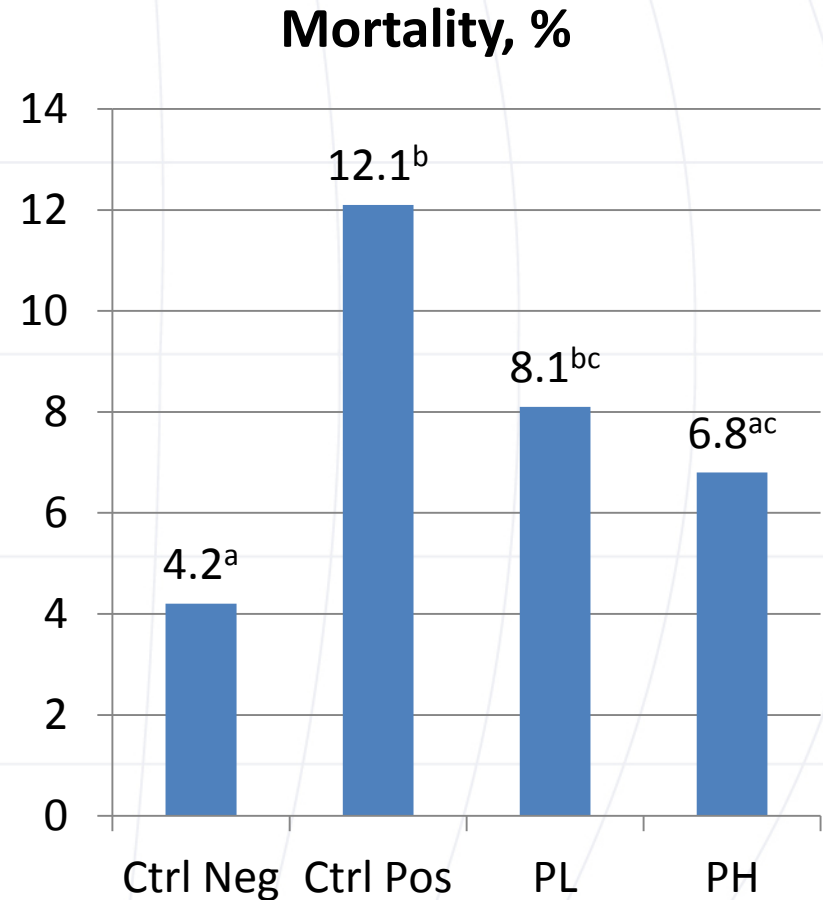
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# Disease Stress Conclusions

- Strategic use of plasma proteins in feed may reduce some of the negative effects of disease stress

# Impact of Stocking Density on Broiler Mortality

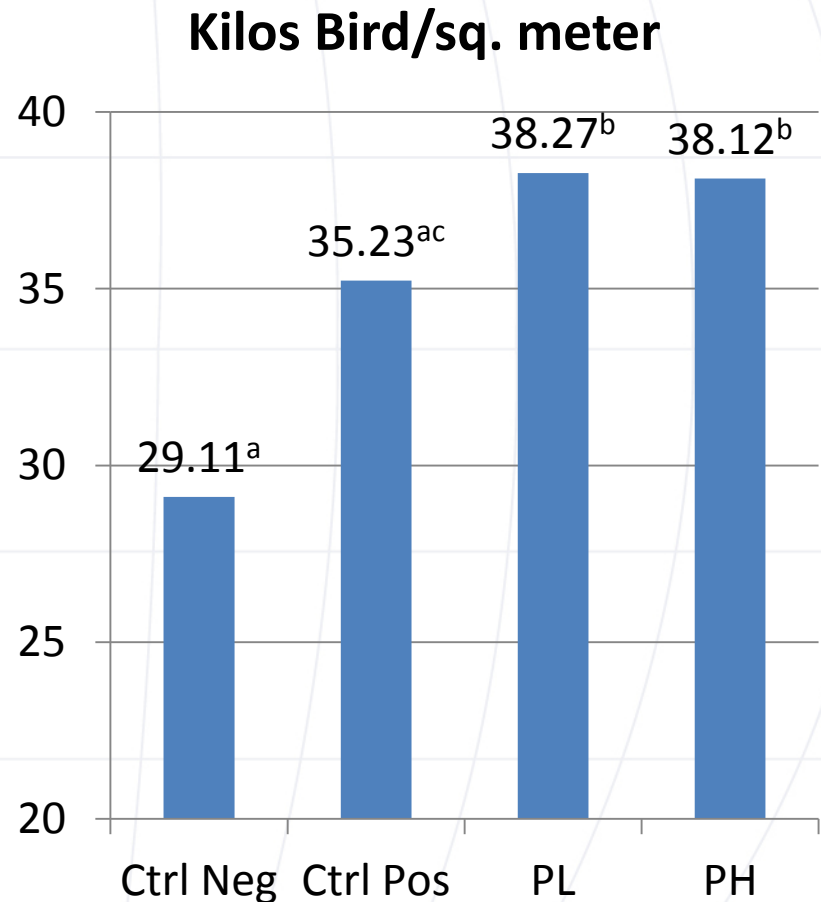
- Stocking density stress increased mortality
- Inclusion of plasma reduced effects of stocking density on mortality



a, b, c =  $P < 0.05$

# Impact of Stocking Density on Broiler Production

- Increased stocking density stress increased kilograms of broiler per square meter
- Inclusion of plasma further improved production during stocking density stress.



a, b, c = P < 0.05

# Stocking Density Conclusions

- Stocking density stress reduces broiler performance and increases mortality
- Inclusion of plasma
  - reduces negative effects of increased stocking density...
  - resulting an increased economical return and..
  - more kilogram production per square meter

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# Recent Field Experience

# Conclusions

- Typical feed processing conditions do not affect improvements noted in performance of poultry fed plasma.
- We have recent field experiences showing profitable usage in modern commercial conditions in Europe and North America, which can be show on request
- The addition of plasma protein to broiler and turkey diets:
  - improves daily gain
  - improves feed conversion
  - increases body weight at market
  - reduces variation
  - increases breast meat yield
  - reduces mortality

# Feeding Recommendations

- The response to plasma is significantly influenced by the challenge.
- Recommendation ranges for future applications: Utilize higher level when ABF or poor health
- PLEASE CONTACT APC [info@apc-Europe.com](mailto:info@apc-Europe.com) to adapt inclusion levels to your feeding programs



# Spray Dried Plasma Products are Revolutionary

- Plasma products help supply proper nutrition to stressed animals and help healthy animals thrive.



# Thank You

