

**POTATO BY- PRODUCTS AS ANIMAL FEED:
2- MILK YEILD AND MILK COSTITUENTS OF RAHMANY
EWES AND GROWTH OF THEIR LAMBS AS AFFECTED
BY POTATOES BY-PRODUCTS SOLANINE.**

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ABSTRACT

The present study was carried out to estimate the effect of solanine in potato by-products (PB-P) as a natural toxic component, on milk yeild and its constituents as well as the solanine residue in milk on born lambs of lactating ewes fed on potato by – product as silage (PB-PS) or hay (PB-PH). Eighteen lactating Rahmany ewes with an average body weight of 45.4 ± 0.64 kg and aged 2.5 – 3 years and their born lambs with an average weight of 3.53 kg (every ewe with her lamb) were used in this study. Ewes were divided into three similar groups (6 animals each) and assigned randomly to three experimental rations according to the requirement of NRC (1990) as follows: (1) 50% concentrate feed mixture (CFM) + 50% berseem hay (BH) as a control, (2) 50 % CFM + 50 % PB-PS and (3) 50% CFM + 50 % PB-PH. Whereas born lambs were fed on their mother's milk all the experimental period .The experiment lasted for 16 weeks. Body weight gains were 14.7,13.6 and 10.4 (kg) for the control, PB-PS and PB-PH, respectively. Solanine values of PB-PS and PB-PH were 8.19 and 24.86 mg/100 g, respectively. The digestion coefficients of OM and CF significantly ($P < 0.05$) increased in PB-PH followed by PB-PS than the control. On the other hand, PB-PH showed lower TDN and DCP values than the other tested diets. Milk yield and its constituents were lower in PB-PH compared with the other tested groups, but the ME (Mcal/kg) was higher in PB-PH than PB-PS and the control. Milk yield and composition was lower in PB-PH compared with other test groups. Values of white blood cells count, hematocrit, globulin, AST, ALT, urea, creatinine and bilirubin of PB-PH group were significantly ($P < 0.05$) higher than the other tested groups. The water consumption of PB-PH group was higher than PB-PS and control groups, also feed costs of PB-PH and PB-PS were lower than the control group .The PB-PS and PB-PH in lactiting ewes caused decrease in feed cost and the values were 28.37 and 33.02 % for the PB-PS and PB-PH, respectively than the control. In conclusion, potato by–products as silage could be used safely, successfully and economically in ration of lactating ewes at 50% of nutritional requirements.

Keywords: Solanine residue, Milk production, Milk constituents, Performance of born lambs.

INTRODUCTION

The population of ruminant animals in Egypt was predicated to be as 7.6 million animal units in year 2000.This animals required about 13.2 million tones of TDN and 1.135 million tones of DCP (Abdelhamid *et al.*, 2001). The available conventional feed resources could cover only 84% and 89% of the required TDN and DCP, respectively (Abou Akkada, 1984). Shortage of the concentrate feed in Egypt is a well known problem; therefore, several studies were carried out to improve the nutritive values of the poor quality roughages to participate in solution of feed shortage problem and the dramatic increase in prices of animal feed ingredients. There are a few literature on using potato residues in feeding ruminants. Thereby, there is a need for more

studies on using these by-products in the animals feeding. However, feeding common potato (*Solanum tuberosum*) led to solanine toxicity and affected performance of starter, growing and finishing pigs (Patil *et al.*, 1972). Jadhav *et al.* (1981) found natural occurring toxic alkaloids in potatoes by-products. Morris and Lee (1984) and Renwick *et al.* (1984) reported solanine embryotoxicity and teratogenicity, as well as inhibition of rat cholinesterase isoenzymes *in vitro* and *in vivo* by the potato alkaloid. Alozie *et al.* (1978) found that the amount of solanine was about 0.01 – 0.1% of potatoes dry matter.

This experiment aimed to evaluate the effect of feeding potato by-products in form of silage or hay on milk yield and its constituents, which fed to lactating ewes, and the growth performance of their suckling lambs.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

This study was carried out at El-Serw Animal Production Research Station, Animal Production Research Institute, Agricultural Research Center, Cairo, Egypt through year 2005.

1- Experimental animals:

Eighteen Rahmany lactating ewes aged 2.5 –3 years with an average body weight of 45.4 ± 0.64 kg with their new born lambs were divided randomly according to their body weight into three equal groups (6 animals each, ewes with their lambs) . Each group was housed in an enclosure (pen), all groups were managed under the same conditions. Animals were weighed at the beginning and at biweekly intervals thereafter. The experiment lasted for 16 weeks until weaning.

2- Experimental diets:

Three experimental diets were given according to NRC (1990), the first group fed 50% concentrate feed mixture (CFM) + 50% berseem hay (BH) as a control. The second group fed 50% CFM + 50% potato by-products silage (PB-PS). The third group fed 50% CFM + 50% potato products hay (PB-PH). The rations were offered twice daily at 8 AM and 3 PM. The chemical analysis of the CFM, BH, PB-PS and PB-PH is shown in Table (1). Water was available all times, where the water consumption was daily measured. Samples of feeds were analyzed periodically.

3- Silage making:

Whole green potato fresh aerial parts in addition to small infirmity and greenish spots tubers from *Solanum tuberosum* were chopped manually using knives, then wilted by spreading under direct sun for a day thin mixed with wheat straw: potatoes by-product (4 : 1 ratio) + 5% molasses + 3% urea and ensiled in white plastic bags for 2 month before feeding. After ensilage period, the color and odor were examined and samples were taken for chemical analysis, solanine was determined and silage quality test was performed.

Table (1): Chemical analysis of ingredients and experimental rations fed by Rahmany rams (% on dry matter basis).

Items	Analysis of ingredients			
	C FM	BH	PB-PS	PB-PH
DM	90.13	88.56	86.79	89.41
OM	89.70	88.58	869.13	88.49
CP	14.88	14.16	13.08	11.89
CF	13.40	25.14	14.20	17.55
EE	3.10	2.59	3.48	2.86
ASH	10.30	11.42	13.77	11.51
NFE	58.92	46.69	55.47	56.29
AIA	1.93b ± 0.1	4.4a ± 0.6	2.9b ± 0.1	4.7a ± 0.4
	Analysis of experimental rations			
	Control	PB-PS	PB-PH	
DM	89.28a ± 3.86	87.34b ± 1.94	89.72a ± 3.17	
OM	89.22 ± 4.61	90.24 ± 3.88	89.57 ± 2.26	
CP	13.94 ± 0.70	12.30 ± 0.30	11.59 ± 0.40	
CF	14.09b ± 0.48	11.48c ± 0.37	17.55a ± 0.59	
EE	2.85b ± 0.06	3.96a ± 0.02	2.76b ± 0.04	
ASH	10.78 ± 0.017	9.76 ± 0.043	10.43 ± 0.028	
NFE	58.34b ± 2.69	61.10a ± 1.77	57.82b ± 2.43	
AIA	4.42b ± 0.30	4.26b ± 0.40	5.57a ± 0.70	

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3- Silage making:

Whole green potato fresh aerial parts in addition to small infirmity and greenish spots tubers from *Solanum tuberosum* were chopped manually using knives, then wilted by spreading under direct sun for a day thin mixed with wheat straw: potatoes by-product (4 : 1 ratio) + 5% molasses + 3% urea and ensiled in white plastic bags for 2 month before feeding. After ensilage period, the color and odor were examined and samples were taken for chemical analysis, solanine was determined and silage quality test was performed.

4- Hay making:

Also green potato fresh aerial parts and small infirmity and greenish spots tubers from *Solanum tuberosum* were wilted by spreading under direct sunshine until complete drying, then packed in white bags.

5- Milk yield:

Young lambs were separated from their mothers for 12 hours, then lambs and ewes were weighed individually, after that lambs were left for suckling their mothers and weighed again, the milk yeild was calculated by difference Milk samples were taken from each ewe and prepared for milk constituents analysis and qualitative determination of solanine.

6- Blood samples:

Blood samples were collected in heparinized test tube from each animal before feeding from jugular vein. After measuring the hematological parameters, part of blood samples was immediately centrifuged to separate the plasma at 3000 rpm for 20 minute. Samples were stored frozen immediately at -20°C till analysis.

7- Feces collection:

At the last week of the experiment, feces samples were collected daily for seven successive days from three animals for every tested group for acid insoluble ash (AIA) determination. Representatively samples of fresh feces were dried and ground then mixed and kept for chemical analysis and estimation of nutrient digestibility was done using the method of acid insoluble ash (AIA) of Van Keulen and Young (1977).

8- Analytical methods:

Chemical analysis of feed ingredients and feces was carried out according to A.O.A.C. (2000). Plasma biochemical analysis was done using Biomerieux reagent kits. Solanine was determined according to Carman *et al.* (1984) and Bushway and Ponnampalam (1985). Milk fat (CF), total protein (TP), total solid (TS), solid not fat (SNF) and ash were determined according to Ling (1963). The 4 % fat corrected milk (FCM) was calculated according to Gaines (1963). Plasma samples were used for determination of total protein (Weichselbaum, 1989), albumin (Doumas *et al.*, 1971), globulin (calculated by difference), urea (Patton and Crouch, 1977), liver enzymes (Reitman and Frankle, 1957), total cholesterol (Monnet, 1963) creatinine (Bartiles, 1971) and bilirubin (Elveback, 1970). Whereas haemoglobin and haematocrit (Linne and Ringsrud, 1992), red and white blood cells (Miller and Weller, 1971) in whole blood.

9- Statistical analysis:

All numerical data obtained were statistical analyzed by SAS (1996) procedures for personal computer. When F-test was positive, least significant differences (Duncan, 1955) were calculated for the comparisons between treatments.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

1- Solanine residues:

Solanine residues are determined in both PB-PS and PB-PH, rations as well as milk and faeces (Table 2). The data indicated that solanine significantly increased ($P < 0.05$) in PB-PH, milk and faeces of group fed on PB-PH than those fed PB-PS. The data are in agreement with those found by Alozie *et al.* (1978) who reported inhibition of cholinesterase iso enzymes *in vitro* and *in vivo* by the potatoe-solanine. Anon (1984) reported that solanine is a poison associated with a school lunch program. Gull *et al.* (1970) and Dalvi and Bowie (1983) reported that solanine is a toxic glycoalkaloid in *Solanum tuberosum*, it deffects the protein digestibility and growth performance. Whereas Hansen (1925) found two fatal cases of potato poisoning. Swinyard and Chaube (1973) and Chabue and Swinyard (1976) reported that solanine is teratogenic and toxicological phenolic compound, from *Solanum tuberosum*. The data are clearly indicated that the NFE was increased in silage diet whereas CF and ash were decreased than PB-PH and control one.

Table (2): Solanine levels in potato by -products, milk and faeces (mg).

Items	Solanine (mg)
Potato by-products:	
PB-PS	8.19 ± 0.07
PB-PH	24.86 ± 1.12
MILK from group:	
PB-PS	2.58 ± 0.01
PB-PH	8.84 ± 0.26
Faeces from group:	
PB-PS	3.37 ± 0.01
PB-PH	6.96 ± 0.17

2- Silage quality:

The data in Table (3) clear that the silage of potato by-products showed good quality of the tested parameters in either pH, ammonia, lactic acid and TVFA. Also, NFE was increased in silage whereas crude fiber (CF) and ash were decreased than potatoes hay ration (Table 1). These results are in agreement with those reported by Abou-Akkada and Nour (1986), since ensilage can preserve feed and improve its feeding value.

Table (3): Mean values of different quality parameters of potatoes silage.

Items	PB-PS
PH value	4.69 ± 0.83
Ammonia- N (mg/100g)	24.75 ± 1.57
Lactic acid(mg/100g)	2.31 ± 0.03
TVFA(ME q/100g)	22.10 ± 0.70
Ammonia % of DM	7.12 ± 0.069
Lactic acid % of DM	0.76 ± 0.004

3- Feed Intake and water consumption:

The feed intake values were 2010, 1960 and 2050 g/h/d (on dry matter basis) with no significant differences. Whereas water consumption showed significantly higher ($P < 0.05$) values with PB-PH group than the other treatments, the values were 1875, 1710 and 2205 ml/h/d for contro, potatoes silage and potatoes hay diets, respectively (Table 4). Water consumption positively correlated with DM intake, CF and ash content (Table 1), solanine content (Table 2), liver and kidney function parameters (Table 7). The results are in agreement with the results obtained in other study (Sultan, 1995).

Table (4): Feed intake and water consumption of lactating ewe fed on silage or hay (dry matter basis).

Items	Control	PB-PS	PB-PH
No. of animals	6	6	6
Body weight (kg)	45.8 ± 0.9	44.2 ± 0.5	45.4 ± 0.8
Feed intake (g/h/day)			
CFM	1173a ± 140	1082b ± 80	1065b ± 95
BH	837	-	-
PVS	-	2900	-
PVH	-	-	1030
Total DMI (g/h/day)	2010 ± 85	196 ± 130	2050 ± 165
Water consumption (ml/h/day)	1875b ± 90	171b ± 165	2205a ± 220
Feed cost/h/period (LE)	289.44a ± 9	169b ± 7.0	153b ± 11.0

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4- Digestion coefficients and nutritive values:

Data of TDN and DCP are presented in Table (5). All nutrient digestibility and nutritive values were significantly ($P < 0.05$) affected by the tested diets. Generally, the PB-PH showed significantly the highest digestibility coefficient of OM and CF than those of PB-PS and the control groups. Whereas PB-PH recorded significantly lowest CP, EE and NFE digestibility values than the control and PB-PS groups. The results are in agreement with Schmeider and Flatt (1975) and Azim *et al.* (1983). The CP, EE and NFE digestibility values of PB-PH were significantly ($P < 0.05$) lower than the other tested diets. The values of DCP were 10.1, 9.6 and 8.29% for the control, PB-PS and PB-PH groups, respectively. These are in agreement with Parfitt *et al.* (1982). Whereas OM and CF of the same group were lower than PB-PS and the control groups, these results are in agreement with Abd El-Baki *et al.* (1997). The TDN of PB-PH was significantly ($P < 0.05$) lower than the other tested groups, the values were 68.3, 66.4 and 61.2 % for control, potatoes silage and potatoes hay, respectively, this is in agreement with that reported by Azim *et al.* (1984). Metabolizable energy values was higher in silage compared with control and PB-PH, the values were 3244, 3081 and 2986 kcal/kg for, potatoes by-products silage, control group and potatoes by-products hay, respectively in agreement with Fekete (1987).

5- Milk production and composition:

Milk yield and constituents of the experimental groups are shown in Table (6). Milk yield (M), fat, total protein (TP), total solid (TS), and solid not fat (SNF) of PB-PS group significantly increased ($P < 0.05$) than PB-PH group. These improvements in PB-PS group of milk yield and composition were correlated with the high OM, CP and NFE and lower CF and ash than PB-PH. (Table 1) and digestibility of CP, EE and NFE as well as TDN and DP (Table 5). These improvements were correlated too with low level of solanine in the silage form (Table 2).

Table (5): Digestion coefficients and nutritive values of potato by-products in form silage and hay.

Items	Control	PB-PS	PB-PH
Digestion coefficients, %			
OM	70.5b ± 5.3	68.7b ± 3.8	74.2a ± 6.1
CP	71.6a ± 4.9	67.2b ± 2.7	61.6c ± 3.8
CF	54.9c ± 3.2	64.4b ± 2.9	68.1a ± 1.6
EE	66.4a ± 3.1	63.2a ± 2.2	59.5b ± 3.6
NFE	70.2a ± 3.8	72.5a ± 2.5	62.8b ± 1.8
Nutritive value, %			
TDN	68.3a ± 1.10	66.4a ± 0.9	61.20b ± 1.1
DCP	10.1a ± 0.07	9.6a ± 0.1	8.29b ± 0.3
ME kcal/kg diet	3081a ± 65.0	3244a ± 42.0	2986b ± 34.0

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Table (6): Effect of solanine on milk yield and composition of lactating ewe.

Items	Control	PB-PS	PB-PH
Milk yield (g/h/d)	672a ± 34.0	649b ± 51.0	587b ± 29.0
4%fat corrected milk(g/h/d)	1038.9a±28.0	979.1b ± 42.0	842.4b ± 19.0
Total solids (g/h/d)	146.0a ± 13.4	131.8b ± 9.86	108.0c ± 4.77
Fat (g/h/d)	54.4a ± 0.90	50.9a ± 1.12	40.4b ± 0.57
Solid not fat (g/h/d)	91.5a ± 2.45	89.1a ± 4.52	81.1b ± 2.87
Total protein (g/h/d)	53.4a ± 1.98	49.5a ± 3.47	44.7b ± 2.66
Milk composition %			
Total solid	21.24a ± 0.4	20.69a ± 0.1	19.00b ± 0.2
Fat	7.64a ± 0.2	7.39a ± 0.1	6.90b ± 0.2
Solid not fat	13.6a ± 0.3	13.30a ± 0.1	12.10b ± 0.3
Total protein	7.9a ± 0.1	7.60a ± 0.1	6.40b ± 0.2
Lactose	5.02a ± 0.2	4.80a ± 0.2	4.17b ± 0.1

a – b means in the same row superscripted by different letters significantly ($P < 0.05$) differ.

6 - Blood picture:

Data of blood analysis in Table (7) indicated that solanine have an enhancement effect on white blood cells which is in agreement with that reported by Pollman and Danielson (1980). The PB-PH (high solanine) increased haematocrit, AST, ALT, urea, creatinine and bilirubin than the other groups, while the other tested components were decreased in the same treatments.

Table (7): Blood picture of ewes as affected by potato by-products as silage or hay.

Items	Control	PB-PS	PB-PH
R.B.C. ($10^6/\mu\text{l}$)	10.20a \pm 0.10	9.80b \pm 0.07	9.10b \pm 1.30
W.B.C. ($10^3/\mu\text{l}$)	7.20b \pm 0.12	7.30b \pm 0.13	9.24a \pm 0.15
Hemoglobin (g/dl)	10.30a \pm 0.11	9.70a \pm 0.01	7.83b \pm 0.08
Hematocrit (%)	21.50c \pm 0.80	25.50b \pm 0.80	33.20a \pm 0.00
Total protein (g/100g)	8.60a \pm 0.06	8.30a \pm 0.04	6.77b \pm 0.08
Globulin (g/100 g)	3.86a \pm 0.03	3.92a \pm 0.05	3.74b \pm 0.02
Albumen (g/100 g)	4.74a \pm 0.01	4.38a \pm 0.03	3.03b \pm 0.05
AST(μml)	44.0b \pm 0.30	38.00c \pm 3.70	76.00a \pm 5.60
ALT(μml)	27.0b \pm 2.10	20.00c \pm 1.10	40.00a \pm 0.80
Total cholesterol (mg/100ml)	144a \pm 4.60	128.0b \pm 5.70	109.0c \pm 7.20
Urea (mg/100ml)	18.30b \pm 1.80	21.90b \pm 1.30	33.60a \pm 2.10
Creatininem (mg/100ml)	0.80b \pm 0.10	0.74b \pm 0.20	1.30a \pm 0.14
Bilirubin (mg/100ml)	0.40b \pm 0.02	0.39b \pm 0.03	0.60a \pm 0.08

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7- Groth performance of lambs:

The new born lambs which suckled their mother's milk showed significant ($P < 0.05$) differences in the body weight gain when ewes fed on the potato hay. This group recorded the lowest values compared with the group which fed on potato silage and the control one, the values of daily weight gain (g) were 159.81, 145.62 and 108.65 for control, potatoes silage and potatoes hay groups, respectively (Table 8). This decrease in the daily weight gain of the group fed on PB-PH may be due to the lower milk yield and its contents from total protein, fat and total solids. The results indicated that solanine have an enhancement effect on the humoralimmune response, which is in agreement with that reported by Polman and Danielson (1980).

Table (8): Growth performance of lambs as affected by the tested rations.

Items	Control	PB-PS	PB-PH
No. of animals	6	6	6
Initial weight (kg)	3.56a \pm 0.12	3.42a \pm 0.14	3.62a \pm 0.09
Weaning weight (kg)	18.24a \pm 0.43	17.03a \pm 0.51	13.98b \pm 0.74
Total body gain (kg).	14.7a \pm 0.60	13.6a \pm 0.50	10.4b \pm 0.40
Daily gain (g)	159.8a \pm 0.25	145.6a \pm 0.20	108.7b \pm 0.10
Milk consumption (g/h/d)	672a \pm 27.0	639a \pm 43.0	547b \pm 25.0
Milk as DMI (g/h/d)	146.0a \pm 3.48	129.8a \pm 4.50	101.1b \pm 3.80
Feed conversion	4.8b \pm 0.06	4.9a \pm 0.02	5.5a \pm 0.03
Protein consumption (g/h/d)	53.4a \pm 3.20	48.8b \pm 2.70	37.9c \pm 1.20

a, b and c means in the same row superscripted by different letters significantly ($P < 0.05$) differ.

8- Economical efficiency:

This study cleared that use of potato by-products in ruminant feeding up to 50% of their requirements, it decreased feed costs by 33.05 and

28.41% for potato silage and potato hay, respectively compared with control group. These decreases in cost back to that potato by-products as silage or hay are cheap by products. These data are in agreement with Murdoch (1962).

CONCLUSION

From this study, it could be concluded that potato by-products can be used in ruminant feeding, particularly in form of silage.

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٢- إنتاج اللبن ومكوناته في النعاج الرحمانى ونمو الحملان حديثة الولادة التي تأثرت بالسولانين في مخلفات البطاطس.

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أجريت هذه الدراسة بمحطة بحوث الإنتاج الحيواني بالسرو - مركز البحوث الزراعية - يونيو ٢٠٠٥. استهدفت الدراسة تقييم أثر المخلفات الحقلية من عروش ودرنات البطاطس الصغيرة الخضراء المرتفعة في محتواها من السولانين وأثرها على إنتاج اللبن وتركيبه في النعاج الرحمانى. وقد استخدم في هذه الدراسة عدد ١٨ نعجة رحمانى عمر ٣-٢,٥ سنوات تزن في المتوسط ٤٥٣ كجم، ١٨ حملا حديث الولادة قسمت عشوائيا إلى ثلاثة مجاميع متساوية (٦ حيوانات بكل معاملة أمهات وحملاتها). وقد غذيت النعاج حسب الاحتياج وفقا لمقررات NRC (1990) كالتالى: المجموعة الأولى غذيت على عليقة ٥٠% مركزة + ٥٠% دريس برسيم (مقارنة)، المجموعة الثانية غذيت على عليقة ٥٠% مركزة + ٥٠% دريس مخلفات بطاطس. وقد أوضحت النتائج أن عملية السيلجة خفضت من المحتوى الطبيعي للسولانين في السيلاج الناتج، وقد سجلت العلائق المختبرة سولانين بالقيم الآتية: ٨,١٩، ٢٤,٨٦ ملجم/١٠٠ جم لكل من سيلاج البطاطس، ودريس البطاطس على التوالي، وأدى ذلك إلى انخفاض الإنتاج. كما أظهرت التحليل أن المتخلفات من السولانين في اللبن كانت تأخذ القيم الآتية ٢,٥٨، ٨,٨٤ ملجم/رأس/يوم لكل من السيلاج، ودريس البطاطس على التوالي. بينما المفرز في الروث ٣,٣٧، ٦,٩٦ ملجم/رأس/اليوم لنفس المجموعتين السابقتين. كما أوضحت النتائج أن السيلاج أعطى جودة عالية حيث انخفضت قيم pH والأمونيا، بينما ارتفع كلا من حامض اللاكتيك والأحماض الدهنية الطيارة. كما أدت عملية السيلجة إلى رفع محتوى السيلاج من البروتين والكربوهيدرات مع انخفاض الألياف الخام والرماد مقارنة بدريس البطاطس، كما وجد أن المركبات الكلية المهضومة (TDN)، كانت ٦٨,٣، ٦٦,٤، ٦١,٢% لكل من الكنترول، وسيلاج البطاطس، ودريس البطاطس على التوالي. بينما كانت قيم (DCP) ١٠,١، ٩,٦، ٨,٢٩% لكل من المجاميع المذكورة، بفرق معنوي على مستوى (٠,٠٥) مما يوضح تفوق مجموعة السيلاج على مجموعة دريس البطاطس. بالنسبة للغذاء المأكول وجد اختلافا معنويا على مستوى (٠,٠٥) بين مجموعة السيلاج ومجموعة دريس البطاطس. وكانت القيم ٢٠١٠، ٢٠١٠، ٢٠٥٠ جم لكل من الكنترول، وسيلاج البطاطس، ودريس البطاطس على التوالي، كما زادت كمية الماء المشروب لمجموعة دريس البطاطس عن المجموعات الأخرى. أما بالنسبة لمحصول اللبن، تفوقت مجموعة السيلاج على مجموعة الدريس بفرق معنوي على مستوى (٠,٠٥) لارتفاع محصول اللبن بها، وكانت القيم كالتالى ٥,٨٧، ٦,٤٩، ٦,٧٢ جم/رأس/اليوم وكذا المواد الكلية الصلبة، الدهن، المواد الصلبة الأدهنية، البروتين الكلى أما اللاكتوز فقد انخفض بمستوى معنوي (٠,٠٥)، كما أوضحت النتائج أن معدلات نمو الحملان التي رضعت لبن الأمهات المغذاة على سيلاج البطاطس قد أعطت نتائج جيدة إذا ما قورنت بمجموعة الكنترول ومجموعة الدريس وقد كانت القيم للأوزان كالتالى: ١٨,٢٤، ١٧,٣، ١٣,٩٨ كجم لكل من مجموعة الكنترول ومجموعة السيلاج ومجموعة الدريس على التوالي. من ذلك يتبين أن تأثير التغذية على مخلفات البطاطس كسيلاج أفضل منه كدريس، وقد يكون انخفاض مستوى السولانين في السيلاج راجع إلى الأمونيا المضافة وتفاعلها مع مادة السولانين.

الجدوى الاقتصادية: أوضحت هذه الدراسة أن استخدام سيلاج البطاطس بنسبه ٥٠% من الاحتياجات الغذائية قد يقلل التكاليف مقارنة بالتغذية على عليقة الكنترول. من هذه الدراسة يوصى باستخدام هذه المخلفات خاصة على صورة سيلاج للمساهمة في التغلب على مشكلة نقص الأعلاف المستخدمة في تغذية الحيوانات المجترة والإقلال من التلوث البيئي.