

Factors affecting protein requirement

Size and age
Fertility of the culture systems
Levels of anagement and intensification
Seasons
Geographic location



Protein sources – Predominantly used

Animal proteins

- □Fish meal
- □Squid meal
- □Clam meal
- Mussel meal
- □Crab head meal
- □Prawn head meal
- □Squilla meal
- □Silkworm pupae
- Poultry waste mealSlaughter house waste





Plant sources

Soybean meal
Wheat products
Yeast
Cotton seed meal
Peanut meal
Corn glutens meal
Rice bran
Wheat bran
Ground nut oil cake
Tapioca flour



Protein estimation

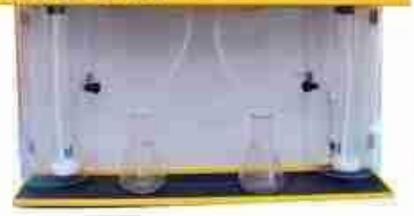
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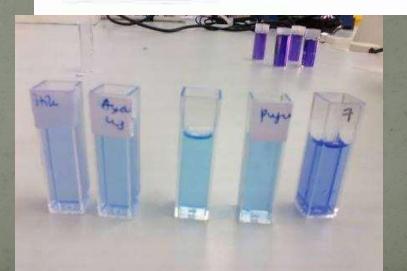


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Nutritional value of proteins

Used as guide to the effectiveness of a particular protein sources in supplying animals required

3main methods
□ PER
□ NPU
□ Essential amino acid index.

PER-Protein Efficiency Ratio

Relates weight gained to g of crude protein fed

PER = g wet wt gain g crude protein fed

 This method makes no allowance for protein used for maintenance
 But widely used as method of determining appropriate protein sources for fish diets

NPU-Net Protein Utilization

most satisfactory method.

NPU= biological value × digestibility

Several technical difficulties occur when determining biological value and digestibility. This was rewritten as

<u>Apparent net protein utilization (Apparent NPU)</u> Defined as the percentage of ingested protein which is deposited as tissue protein.

Apparent NPU =
$$\frac{Pb - Pa}{Pi}$$
 X 100

where Pb is the total body protein at the end of the feeding trial, Pa is the total body protein at the beginning of the feeding trial, and Pi is the amount of protein consumed over the feeding trial

Essential Amino Acid Index

EEA index = geometrical average of 10 essential amino acid

This is used only if the AA requirement for the given sp is known