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EVALUATION OF JUVENILE AUSTRALIAN RED CLAW CRAYFISH *Cherax quadricarinatus* FED PRACTICAL DIETS WITH AND WITHOUT SUPPLEMENTAL LECITHIN AND/OR CHOLESTEROL

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Red claw crayfish (*Cherax quadricarinatus*) are one of more than a hundred species of Australian freshwater crayfish. However, because of its rapid growth rate, ease of spawning, wide tolerance, and dissolved oxygen tolerance, and lack of a larval stage, red claw may be the best candidate for aquaculture in the United States. Red claw are only being investigated as an aquaculture species in this country and information exists on their nutritional requirements and practical diet formulations. For many crustaceans, lecithin and cholesterol to be added to their diet, these two nutrients are usually not found in natural feeds; however, lecithin and cholesterol are very expensive. Since diet costs can be as much as 70% of the total operating expenses for an aquaculture enterprise, it is imperative that the least expensive diet be developed that meets the nutrient requirements of the species. The present study was conducted to determine if cholesterol or lecithin needs to be added to a practical diet for red claw crayfish.

An 8-week feeding trial was conducted in a recirculating system with newly-hatched juvenile (mean initial weight of 0.2 g) red claw, each stocked in individual plastic mesh culture units. Individual units were placed within fiberglass tanks, each containing a water line. Water was recirculated through physical and mechanical filters. Water temperature was maintained at 27-29°C and lighting was provided by overhead fluorescent ceiling lights on a 12-hour light:dark cycle. Ammonia, nitrite, nitrate, pH, oxygen, temperature, alkalinity, chlorides, and salinity were measured three times per week. The growth performance of newly-hatched juvenile red claw when fed four practical diets with or without cholesterol and lecithin. Other practical diets included menhaden fish meal, soybean meal, shrimp meal, wheat flour, vitamin and mineral mix, pellet binder, cod liver oil, and corn oil (Table 1).

After 8 weeks, red claw crayfish fed a practical diet without cholesterol (Diet 3) had significantly ($P < 0.05$) lower final weight, percentage weight gain, and specific growth rate (SGR) compared to crayfish fed all other diets (Table 2). These results indicate that a practical diet containing 2% cod liver oil and 1% corn oil and having no lecithin appears to be sufficient and that lecithin may not be necessary for juvenile red claw diets.

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