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## Production performance of Hansli chicken in Odisha

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**Abstract**

A total of 260 numbers Hansli day old chicks were taken for the study. For males body weight increased from  $30.69 \pm 0.43$  g at day- old to  $436.40 \pm 9.69$  g and  $1629.42 \pm 25.47$  g at 8<sup>th</sup> week and 20<sup>th</sup> week respectively where as the in case of females it was increased from  $30.93 \pm 0.28$  g to  $381.35 \pm 8.36$  g and  $1318.43 \pm 23.78$  g at 8<sup>th</sup> week and 20<sup>th</sup> week. The cumulative FCR increased from 6.12 in 1<sup>st</sup> week to 4.54 in 8<sup>th</sup> week and to 7.70 in 20<sup>th</sup> week. For the male, female and combined sex, respectively, the slaughter weights averaged  $1331.33 \pm 23.09$ ,  $1092.33 \pm 12.06$  and  $1211.83 \pm 38.11$  g; dressing percentage  $75.09 \pm 0.07$ ,  $72.1 \pm 0.004$  and  $73.60 \pm 0.45$ , and evisceration percentage  $70.20 \pm 0.06$ ,  $66.85 \pm 0.09$  and  $68.53 \pm 0.50$  respectively.

**Keywords:** Hansli, body weight, FCR, dressing percentage, eviscerated percentage

**1. Introduction**

Indian Poultry Industry is 5,000 years old; recently it began to witness remarkable growth from backyard to poultry industry. Organized sector contributes about 70 per cent of the total output of poultry industry and remaining 30 per cent by unorganized sector [1]. In India, poultry keeping was largely a backyard venture before 1960, but today it has been transferred in to a vibrant agribusiness with annual turnover of more than 45,000 corers [1]. The poultry population in the country has increased by 12.39% over the previous census. The total meat production in the country was reported as 4.6 million tons in the year 2009-10 and the production of meat shown an increasing trend during the period 2009-10 to 2015-16 with an average annual growth rate of 7.73% [2]. Indigenous breeds of chickens are playing major role in rural economies in most of the developing and underdeveloped countries. They play an incredible role for the rural poor and marginalized section of the people with respect to their subsidiary income and also provide them with nutritious chicken egg and meat for their own consumption [10]. Hansli chicken is predominantly reared in Mayurbhanj and some parts of its nearby districts like Keonjhar of Odisha [8]. It is also kept by some of the urban and city dwellers mainly for cock fighting or as fancy. Hansli birds have a different body morphology, which distinguishes them from other birds. Hansli resembles to Aseel, but phylogenetic tree analysis indicated that Hansli is very much different from Aseel [12]. Until to date, much scientific intervention has not yet been given for this valuable genetic resource. Keeping in view the above facts, a study was undertaken to evaluate the productive performances of Hansli chicken under intensive system of management.

**2. Materials and Methods**

Total 260 nos. of day old Hansli chicks obtained from the hatchery of AICRP on poultry breeding, PG Department of Poultry Sciences, Bhubaneswar was taken for the study. Chick starter and grower birds were reared in floor pens up to 20 weeks of age in the PG department of poultry science, College of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry, Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology (OUAT), Odisha for evaluation of growth performances. The birds were fed conventional starter from 0-8 weeks and grower 9-20 weeks. All the birds had access to clean and fresh drinking water 24 hours. Body weights (g) of all birds were recorded at day-one, and at weekly interval up to 20<sup>th</sup> week of age. Body weight was recorded using a digital electronic balance nearest to 1.0 g accuracy. Weekly cumulative body weight gain (g) was calculated by subtracting the day-old body weight from the body weight of the respective

week. The feed consumption of the experimental birds was recorded on weekly basis by subtracting the left over feed at the end of the week from the total feed offered during the week. From the weekly body weight gain and feed consumption, weekly feed conversion ratio was calculated.

$$\text{Feed conversion ratio (FCR)} = \frac{\text{Feed consumption in kg}}{\text{Body weight gain in kg}}$$

Six Hansli birds of each sex were taken for carcass study at the age of 16<sup>th</sup> week. The calculations were carried out as follows:

1. Live weight at the time of slaughter (g)
2. Dressing yield (%) =  $\frac{\text{Dressed Weight}}{\text{Live Weight}} \times 100$
3. Eviscerated yield (%) =  $\frac{\text{Eviscerated Weight}}{\text{Live Weight}} \times 100$
4. Giblet yield (%) =  $\frac{\text{Giblet Weight}}{\text{Eviscerated Weight}} \times 100$
5. Neck yield (%) =  $\frac{\text{Weight of the neck}}{\text{Eviscerated Weight}} \times 100$
6. Wing yield (%) =  $\frac{\text{Weight of the wings}}{\text{Eviscerated Weight}} \times 100$
7. Back yield (%) =  $\frac{\text{Weight of the back}}{\text{Eviscerated Weight}} \times 100$
8. Breast yield (%) =  $\frac{\text{Breast Weight}}{\text{Eviscerated Weight}} \times 100$
9. Thigh yield (%) =  $\frac{\text{Weight of the thighs}}{\text{Eviscerated Weight}} \times 100$
10. Drumstick yield (%) =  $\frac{\text{Weight of the drumsticks}}{\text{Eviscerated Weight}} \times 100$

Data collected on various parameters were subjected to statistical analysis using SPSS 16.

### 3. Results and Discussion

#### 3.1 Weekly body weight of Hansli from day-old to 20 weeks

The body weight (g) of Hansli birds are presented in Table 1. Body weights of male and female chicken increased progressively with age of the birds. For male Hansli, body weight increased from  $30.69 \pm 0.43$  g at day-old to  $436.40 \pm 9.69$  g at 8 weeks and to  $1629.42 \pm 25.47$  g at 20 weeks. For the females, body weight increased from  $30.93 \pm 0.28$  g at day-old to  $381.35 \pm 8.36$  g at 8 weeks and to  $1318.43 \pm 23.78$  g at 20 weeks of age. The combined sex body weight increased from  $30.93 \pm 0.28$  g at day-old to  $409.62 \pm 6.18$  g at 8 weeks of age and to  $1471.58 \pm 18.04$  g at 20 weeks of age. While there was no significant difference ( $p \geq 0.05$ ) in day-old weights between male and female chicks, the male Hansli showed higher body weights right from the first week, the differences being significant ( $p \leq 0.05$  or  $0.01$ ) at every week from 3<sup>rd</sup> till 20<sup>th</sup> week of age.

From Table 1, it was revealed that the day old weight (g) of Hansli chicks (Male  $30.69 \pm 0.43$ , Female  $31.18 \pm 0.37$ , Combined  $30.93 \pm 0.28$ ) were found higher than the reported weights of  $28.40$  g [4]. The variations might be due to differences in feeding and management conditions between the studies. When compared with Aseel, both higher and lower weights have been reported. The day-old chick weights of Aseel reported were  $29 \pm 0.05$  g (NBAGR, 2011),  $29.32 \pm$

$0.20$  g and  $29.72 \pm 0.21$  g [6] which were lower than the weights of the Hansli found in the present study. Higher weights for Aseel have also been reported. Earlier scientist report revealed a weight of  $33.19 \pm 0.20$  g and  $33.18 \pm 0.91$  g [5, 15]. The variations observed may be attributed to differences in genotype, environment, feeding and husbandry practices.

The 2-week old Hansli chick weights (g) (Male  $56.85 \pm 1.0$ , Female  $54.82 \pm 1.11$ , Combined  $55.85 \pm 0.74$ ) were found lower than  $85.84 \pm 5.31$  g [4]. The variations might be due to different seasons of rearing. As compared with Aseel, higher as well as lower weights have been reported. Earlier report revealed a weight of  $48.63 \pm 3.99$  g,  $54.21 \pm 1.92$  g for males and  $52.07 \pm 2.28$  g for females of Aseel [13, 15], which were lower than that of the Hansli chicks, as found in the present study. On the other hand previously reported a weight of  $65.1 \pm 1.04$  g and a weight of  $72.88 \pm 0.99$  g in Aseel which were higher than the weight for Hansli chicks, as found in the present study [3, 5]. The variations might be due to differences in genotype, climatic conditions and feeding practices followed.

The 4-week old weights (g) of Hansli chicks (Male  $132.61 \pm 3.97$ , Female  $121.10 \pm 3.65$ , Combined  $127.03 \pm 2.57$ ) were found lower than the reported weights of  $219.03 \pm 9.4$  g [4]. The variation might be due to differences in season of rearing between the studies. A weight of  $127.43 \pm 1.28$  g and  $127.83 \pm 1.18$  g for Aseel, which were found similar to that of Hansli [6, 7], in the present study. As compared with Aseel, higher as well as lower weights have also been reported. As per earlier report  $154.00 \pm 2.39$  g,  $150.62 \pm 2.44$  g and  $138.40 \pm 5.91$  g which were higher than the weights of Hansli [3, 5, 13]. Previously reported Aseel male weights of  $86.08 \pm 1.29$  g and female weights of  $83.00 \pm 2.00$  g which were found lower than the weights of Hansli [15]. The variations observed may be attributed to differences in genotype, environment, feeding and husbandry practices.

The 8-week old weight (g) of Hansli chicks (Male  $436.40 \pm 9.69$ , Female  $381.35 \pm 8.36$ , Combined  $409.62 \pm 6.18$ ) were found lower than the reported weights of  $740.33 \pm 13.81$  g [4]. The variation might be due to differences in seasons of rearing between the studies. When compared with Aseel, both higher and lower weights have been reported. The 8-week old weights for Aseel as reported were  $393.00 \pm 8.52$  g [3],  $361.00 \pm 9.72$  g [13],  $273.72 \pm 3.52$  g [6] and  $234.00 \pm 0.14$  g [9] which were lower than the weights for Hansli, found in the present study. Higher weights for Aseel have also been reported as males weighing  $610.08 \pm 0.23$  g and females,  $575.70 \pm 0.14$  g [15]. The variation observed may be attributed to differences in genotype, environment, feeding and husbandry practices.

The 12-week old Hansli weights were found to be  $843.62 \pm 16.83$  g for male,  $729.77 \pm 13.64$  g for female and  $782.95 \pm 10.74$  g for combined sex. As compared with Aseel, higher as well as lower weights have been reported. Previously reported a weight of  $743.75 \pm 24.65$  g,  $583.00 \pm 18.18$  g and  $408.00 \pm 0.22$  g in Aseel which were lower than that for Hansli birds as found in the present study [13, 7, 9]. On the other hand, a weight of  $796.00 \pm 13.12$  g and  $1054.78 \pm 1.40$  g for males and  $955.55 \pm 1.56$  g for females of Aseel were earlier reported, which were higher than the weight for Hansli chicks as found in the present study [3, 15].

The 16-week old Hansli were found weighing  $1223.08 \pm 23.33$  g for male,  $1021.21 \pm 19.06$  g for female and  $1121.12 \pm 14.54$  g for combined sex. As compared with Aseel, higher as well as lower weights have been reported. Earlier report showed  $678.37 \pm 5.36$  g which was lower than that for the Hansli birds as found in the present study [7]. On the other

hand, a weight of  $1218 \pm 19.0$  g<sup>[3]</sup> and  $1402.00 \pm 24.54$  g<sup>[13]</sup> which were higher than the weight for Hansli chicks as found in the present study.

The 20-week old Hansli were found weighing  $1629.42 \pm 25.47$  g for male,  $1318.43 \pm 23.78$  g for female and  $1471.58 \pm 18.04$  g for combined sex. The weights for Hansli were found higher as compared to the reported weights for Aseel. While recorded weights of  $1318.42 \pm 22.24$  g<sup>[5]</sup> and  $1038.72 \pm 6.73$  g<sup>[7]</sup> were reported. The variations might be due to differences in genotype, climatic conditions and feeding practices followed.

### 3.2 Weekly gain in body weight

The mean weekly body weight gains for male and female Hansli chicken from 1<sup>st</sup> to 20 week of age are presented in Table 2. For male, female and combined sex, respectively, the gains increased from  $10.35 \pm 0.50$ ,  $9.45 \pm 0.44$  and  $10.32 \pm 0.32$  g at 1<sup>st</sup> week to  $405.18 \pm 9.26$ ,  $350.02 \pm 7.91$  and  $378.35 \pm 6.12$  g at 8<sup>th</sup> week and to  $1581.31 \pm 27.02$ ,  $1287.17 \pm 21.99$  and  $1418.30 \pm 21.03$  g at 20<sup>th</sup> week. While there was no significant difference ( $p \geq 0.05$ ) between male and female chicken till 3<sup>rd</sup> week, males showed significantly ( $p \leq 0.05$  or  $0.01$ ) higher gains at each week from 4<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> week. From Table 2, it was found that the weekly gains in body weight increased consistently until 20<sup>th</sup> week, suggesting that the mature body weight had not been attained until 20 weeks. Male birds showed a higher rate of gain than the females, which was due to the higher body weights for the males.

### 3.3 Weekly feed consumption and FCR of Hansli chicken

The daily feed consumption recorded individual week-wise and cumulatively over the weeks are presented in Table 3. The individual week-wise consumption increased from 59.14 g in first week to 389.86 g in 8<sup>th</sup> week and to 1218.59 g in 20<sup>th</sup> week. The cumulative consumptions increased from 59.14 g in first week to 1702.62 g in 8<sup>th</sup> week and to 11443.24 g in 20<sup>th</sup> week. From Table 3, it was found that daily feed consumption continued to increase over the weeks. Since, body weight as well as gain in body weight continued to increase (Tables 1 and 2), feed consumption also increased concomitant to growth in live weight. The feed consumptions up to 8 weeks recorded in the present study were found at par with those who reported consumptions of  $55.24 \pm 8.69$  g in 1<sup>st</sup> week,  $464.49 \pm 10.28$  g in 8<sup>th</sup> week and a cumulative consumption of  $1835.13 \pm 71.28$  g at the end of 8<sup>th</sup> week, in Hansli chicken<sup>[6]</sup>.

The individual week-wise and cumulative FCR, recorded from 1<sup>st</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> week, are presented in Table 3. The individual week-wise FCR increased from 6.12 in 1<sup>st</sup> week to 4.30 at 8<sup>th</sup> week and to 14.89 at 20<sup>th</sup> week. The cumulative FCR increased from 6.12 in 1<sup>st</sup> week to 4.54 in 8<sup>th</sup> week and to 7.70 in 20<sup>th</sup> week. The individual week-wise FCR decreased from 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> week and remained similar till 8<sup>th</sup> week, after which it increased till 20<sup>th</sup> week. The cumulative FCR showed a decreasing trend till 8<sup>th</sup> week, after which it gradually

increased in successive weeks till the 20<sup>th</sup> week. From Table 3, it was found that the individual week-wise or cumulative FCR showed a decreasing trend from 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> week, after which it increased gradually. From the results it could be implied that the Hansli chicken had the maximum feed efficiency between 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> week. The week-wise FCRs at 8<sup>th</sup> week as recorded in the present study were found higher than FCRs of  $2.17 \pm 0.04$ ,  $2.26 \pm 0.15$ ,  $2.57 \pm 0.25$  and  $2.84 \pm 0.33$  in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> week, respectively<sup>[4]</sup>. The variations between the two studies might be attributed to seasonal differences.

### 3.4 Carcass characteristics of Hansli chicken

The carcass characteristics of Hansli chicken, slaughtered at 16 week of age, are presented in Table 4. For the male, female and combined sex, respectively, the slaughter weights averaged  $1331.33 \pm 23.09$ ,  $1092.33 \pm 12.06$  and  $1211.83 \pm 38.11$  g; dressing percentage  $75.09 \pm 0.07$ ,  $72.1 \pm 0.004$  and  $73.60 \pm 0.45$ , and evisceration percentage  $70.20 \pm 0.06$ ,  $66.85 \pm 0.09$  and  $68.53 \pm 0.50$ . The carcass components expressed as percent of eviscerated yield were; neck yield  $10.44 \pm 0.17$ ,  $8.85 \pm 0.58$  and  $9.65 \pm 0.37$  percent; wing  $14.86 \pm 0.31$ ,  $13.48 \pm 0.16$  and  $14.17 \pm 0.26$  percent; back  $18.15 \pm 0.16$ ,  $18.09 \pm 0.09$  and  $18.12 \pm 0.08$  percent; breast  $20.54 \pm 0.19$ ,  $25.03 \pm 0.57$  and  $22.79 \pm 0.73$  percent; thigh  $18.04 \pm 0.05$ ,  $16.09 \pm 0.45$  and  $18.35 \pm 0.25$  percent; drumstick  $17.93 \pm 0.19$ ,  $16.14 \pm 3.01$  and  $16.90 \pm 0.22$  percent and, giblet  $6.95 \pm 0.08$ ,  $7.85 \pm 0.14$  and  $7.40 \pm 0.15$  percent. For the giblet, the different components were heart  $0.62 \pm 0.02$ ,  $0.68 \pm 0.04$  and  $0.65 \pm 0.02$  percent; liver  $2.98 \pm 0.07$ ,  $3.10 \pm 0.05$  and  $3.04 \pm 0.04$  percent; gizzard  $75.09 \pm 0.07$ ,  $75.09 \pm 0.07$  and  $75.09 \pm 0.07$  percent. The meat: bone ratios were found to be  $2.118 \pm 0.112$ ,  $2.512 \pm 0.048$  and  $2.287 \pm 0.032$ . Males had significantly ( $p \leq 0.05$  or  $0.01$ ) higher yields than females in respect of slaughter weight, breast weight, eviscerated percentage, neck and wing percentage, while females had significantly ( $p \leq 0.01$ ) higher yield of breast, giblet and meat: bone ratio. Male also showed non-significantly ( $p \geq 0.05$ ) higher yield than females in respect of thigh and drumstick. The generally higher yields of carcass attributes in favour of males might be attributed to their higher growth rate resulting in higher slaughter weight. From Table 4, it was revealed that the findings in the present study are in conformity with the earlier findings<sup>[11]</sup> in Aseel who reported for Aseel higher ( $p \geq 0.05$ ) weight for males in respect of dressed weight, eviscerated weight, neck weight, back weight, thigh weight and drum stick weight, and lower weight for males in respect of giblet and breast. The only difference was in respect of wing weight which was significantly higher ( $p \leq 0.05$ ) yields for females in Aseel. The variation may be attributed to the differences in the breed types. However, the values of different attributes for Aseel were similar to those found for Hansli in the present study<sup>[11]</sup>, except that the neck percentage for Aseel which was found lower than that for Hansli.

**Table 1:** Weekly body weight of Hansli from day-old to 20 weeks

Age (week)	Body weight (g) (mean $\pm$ SE)			p value
	Male	Female	Combined	
Day old	30.69 $\pm$ 0.43	31.18 $\pm$ 0.37	30.93 $\pm$ 0.28	0.304
1 <sup>st</sup>	41.13 $\pm$ 0.57	40.20 $\pm$ 0.50	40.67 $\pm$ 0.38	0.231
2 <sup>nd</sup>	56.85 $\pm$ 1.0	54.82 $\pm$ 1.11	55.85 $\pm$ 0.74	0.191
3 <sup>rd</sup>	87.77 $\pm$ 2.23 <sup>a</sup>	80.5 $\pm$ 2.26 <sup>b</sup>	84.21 $\pm$ 1.60	0.014
4 <sup>th</sup>	132.61 $\pm$ 3.97 <sup>a</sup>	121.10 $\pm$ 3.65 <sup>b</sup>	127.03 $\pm$ 2.57	0.015
5 <sup>th</sup>	184.88 $\pm$ 5.18 <sup>A</sup>	165.07 $\pm$ 4.91 <sup>B</sup>	175.32 $\pm$ 3.63	0.002
6 <sup>th</sup>	258.53 $\pm$ 6.69 <sup>A</sup>	230.91 $\pm$ 5.99 <sup>B</sup>	245.21 $\pm$ 4.59	0.002
7 <sup>th</sup>	336.32 $\pm$ 8.60 <sup>A</sup>	297.41 $\pm$ 7.55 <sup>B</sup>	317.47 $\pm$ 5.88	0.001
8 <sup>th</sup>	436.40 $\pm$ 9.69 <sup>A</sup>	381.35 $\pm$ 8.36 <sup>B</sup>	409.62 $\pm$ 6.18	0.000
9 <sup>th</sup>	538.26 $\pm$ 11.78 <sup>A</sup>	470.16 $\pm$ 10.46 <sup>B</sup>	505.15 $\pm$ 8.22	0.000
10 <sup>th</sup>	633.88 $\pm$ 13.80 <sup>A</sup>	554.35 $\pm$ 12.08 <sup>B</sup>	595.39 $\pm$ 9.57	0.000
11 <sup>th</sup>	740.01 $\pm$ 14.82 <sup>A</sup>	646.4 $\pm$ 12.66 <sup>B</sup>	694.29 $\pm$ 10.27	0.000
12 <sup>th</sup>	843.62 $\pm$ 16.83 <sup>A</sup>	729.77 $\pm$ 13.64 <sup>B</sup>	782.95 $\pm$ 10.74	0.000
13 <sup>th</sup>	926.76 $\pm$ 18.17 <sup>A</sup>	801.37 $\pm$ 14.44 <sup>B</sup>	864.97 $\pm$ 12.40	0.000
14 <sup>th</sup>	1016.69 $\pm$ 19.79 <sup>A</sup>	875.23 $\pm$ 15.98 <sup>B</sup>	946.65 $\pm$ 13.64	0.000
15 <sup>th</sup>	1106.78 $\pm$ 22.15 <sup>A</sup>	944.23 $\pm$ 16.09 <sup>B</sup>	1025.51 $\pm$ 14.80	0.000
16 <sup>th</sup>	1223.08 $\pm$ 23.33 <sup>A</sup>	1021.21 $\pm$ 19.06 <sup>B</sup>	1121.12 $\pm$ 14.54	0.000
17 <sup>th</sup>	1319.94 $\pm$ 23.87 <sup>A</sup>	1108.19 $\pm$ 19.62 <sup>B</sup>	1213.01 $\pm$ 17.11	0.000
18 <sup>th</sup>	1426.94 $\pm$ 24.29 <sup>A</sup>	1183.64 $\pm$ 20.27 <sup>B</sup>	1304.06 $\pm$ 17.98	0.000
19 <sup>th</sup>	1530.60 $\pm$ 25.32 <sup>A</sup>	1254.98 $\pm$ 21.65 <sup>B</sup>	1390.71 $\pm$ 19.25	0.000
20 <sup>th</sup>	1629.42 $\pm$ 25.47 <sup>A</sup>	1318.43 $\pm$ 23.78 <sup>B</sup>	1471.58 $\pm$ 18.04	0.000

<sup>ab</sup>Means with different superscripts in a row differ significantly ( $p \leq 0.05$ )

<sup>AB</sup>Means with different superscripts in a row differ significantly ( $p \leq 0.01$ )

**Table 2:** Cumulative weekly gain in body weight

Age (week)	Cumulative weekly gain (g) (mean $\pm$ SE)			P value
	Male	Female	Combined	
01	10.35 $\pm$ 0.50	9.45 $\pm$ 0.44	10.32 $\pm$ 0.32	0.193
02	25.94 $\pm$ 0.92	23.93 $\pm$ 0.98	24.95 $\pm$ 0.65	0.176
03	56.90 $\pm$ 2.12	49.95 $\pm$ 2.09	53.43 $\pm$ 1.53	0.086
04	101.93 $\pm$ 3.78 <sup>a</sup>	89.90 $\pm$ 3.44 <sup>b</sup>	96.07 $\pm$ 2.49	0.011
05	153.92 $\pm$ 4.96 <sup>A</sup>	133.86 $\pm$ 4.67 <sup>B</sup>	144.19 $\pm$ 3.53	0.003
06	227.57 $\pm$ 6.44 <sup>A</sup>	199.6 $\pm$ 5.69 <sup>B</sup>	214.07 $\pm$ 4.23	0.002
07	305.26 $\pm$ 8.27 <sup>A</sup>	266.40 $\pm$ 7.19 <sup>B</sup>	286.28 $\pm$ 4.69	0.001
08	405.18 $\pm$ 9.26 <sup>A</sup>	350.02 $\pm$ 7.91 <sup>B</sup>	378.35 $\pm$ 6.12	0.000
09	506.87 $\pm$ 11.16 <sup>A</sup>	435.04 $\pm$ 10.66 <sup>B</sup>	471.44 $\pm$ 8.21	0.000
10	602.56 $\pm$ 13.17 <sup>A</sup>	523.02 $\pm$ 11.36 <sup>B</sup>	564.06 $\pm$ 8.74	0.000
11	708.72 $\pm$ 14.00 <sup>A</sup>	616.56 $\pm$ 11.89 <sup>B</sup>	662.97 $\pm$ 9.88	0.000
12	812.19 $\pm$ 15.55 <sup>A</sup>	698.44 $\pm$ 12.73 <sup>B</sup>	752.13 $\pm$ 10.82	0.000
13	895.33 $\pm$ 16.80 <sup>A</sup>	770.10 $\pm$ 13.44 <sup>B</sup>	833.62 $\pm$ 11.74	0.000
14	985.13 $\pm$ 18.15 <sup>A</sup>	843.99 $\pm$ 14.81 <sup>B</sup>	910.68 $\pm$ 12.75	0.000
15	1075.17 $\pm$ 20.14 <sup>A</sup>	912.99 $\pm$ 14.92 <sup>B</sup>	994.08 $\pm$ 13.86	0.000
16	1191.40 $\pm$ 20.77 <sup>A</sup>	989.14 $\pm$ 17.44 <sup>B</sup>	1072.95 $\pm$ 16.68	0.000
17	1275.13 $\pm$ 24.37 <sup>A</sup>	1075.95 $\pm$ 18.11 <sup>B</sup>	1181.56 $\pm$ 15.87	0.000
18	1380.87 $\pm$ 25.14 <sup>A</sup>	1151.45 $\pm$ 18.55 <sup>B</sup>	1246.81 $\pm$ 19.21	0.000
19	1468.37 $\pm$ 29.63 <sup>A</sup>	1223.75 $\pm$ 19.98 <sup>B</sup>	1352.30 $\pm$ 18.93	0.000
20	1581.31 $\pm$ 27.02 <sup>A</sup>	1287.17 $\pm$ 21.99 <sup>B</sup>	1418.30 $\pm$ 21.03	0.000

<sup>ab</sup>Means with different superscripts in a row differ significantly ( $p \leq 0.05$ )

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**Table 3:** Weekly feed consumption and FCR of Hansli chicken

Week	Week-wise feed consumption (g)	Cumulative feed consumption per bird (g)	Week-wise FCR	Cumulative FCR
1 <sup>st</sup>	59.14	59.14	6.12	6.12
2 <sup>nd</sup>	83.19	142.33	5.51	5.75
3 <sup>rd</sup>	138.39	280.72	4.93	5.32
4 <sup>th</sup>	181.60	462.32	4.25	4.85
5 <sup>th</sup>	216.88	679.2	4.53	4.75
6 <sup>th</sup>	282.23	961.43	4.03	4.52
7 <sup>th</sup>	351.33	1312.76	4.92	4.62
8 <sup>th</sup>	389.86	1702.62	4.30	4.54
9 <sup>th</sup>	518.83	2221.45	5.50	4.73
10 <sup>th</sup>	509.60	2731.05	5.36	4.83
11 <sup>th</sup>	578.57	3309.62	5.77	4.97
12 <sup>th</sup>	639.28	3948.9	7.27	5.22
13 <sup>th</sup>	689.47	4638.37	8.85	5.55
14 <sup>th</sup>	805.09	5443.36	9.94	5.91
15 <sup>th</sup>	794.85	6238.31	10.06	6.22
16 <sup>th</sup>	791.95	7030.26	8.90	6.42
17 <sup>th</sup>	997.98	8028.24	9.63	6.68
18 <sup>th</sup>	1031.40	9059.64	11.28	6.99
19 <sup>th</sup>	1102.01	10161.65	11.82	7.30
20 <sup>th</sup>	1218.59	11443.24	14.89	7.70

**Table 4:** Carcass characteristics of Hansli chicken

Attributes	Carcass yields (Mean ± SE)			P value
	Male	Female	Combined	
Live weight (g)	1331.33 ± 23.09 <sup>A</sup>	1092.33 ± 12.06 <sup>B</sup>	1211.83 ± 38.11	0.000
Dressing %	75.09 ± 0.07 <sup>A</sup>	72.1 ± 0.004 <sup>B</sup>	73.60 ± 0.45	0.000
Evisceration %	70.20 ± 0.06 <sup>A</sup>	66.85 ± 0.09 <sup>B</sup>	68.53 ± 0.50	0.000
Neck %	10.44 ± 0.17 <sup>a</sup>	8.85 ± 0.58 <sup>b</sup>	9.65 ± 0.37	0.027
Wing %	14.86 ± 0.31 <sup>A</sup>	13.48 ± 0.16 <sup>B</sup>	14.17 ± 0.26	0.004
Back %	18.15 ± 0.16	18.09 ± 0.09	18.12 ± 0.08	0.520
Breast %	20.54 ± 0.19 <sup>A</sup>	25.03 ± 0.57 <sup>B</sup>	22.79 ± 0.73	0.000
Thigh %	18.04 ± 0.05	16.09 ± 0.45	18.35 ± 0.25	0.086
Drumstick %	17.93 ± 0.19	16.14 ± 3.01	16.90 ± 0.22	0.228
Giblet %	6.95 ± 0.08 <sup>A</sup>	7.85 ± 0.14 <sup>B</sup>	7.40 ± 0.15	0.006
Heart %	0.62 ± 0.02	0.68 ± 0.04	0.65 ± 0.02	0.272
Liver %	2.98 ± 0.07	3.10 ± 0.05	3.04 ± 0.04	0.192
Gizzard %	75.09 ± 0.07 <sup>A</sup>	75.09 ± 0.07 <sup>B</sup>	75.09 ± 0.07 <sup>a</sup>	0.003
Meat: Bone	2.118 ± 0.112 <sup>A</sup>	2.512 ± 0.048 <sup>B</sup>	2.287 ± 0.032	0.000

<sup>ab</sup>Means with different superscripts in a row differ significantly ( $p \leq 0.05$ )

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#### 4. Conclusion

From this study, we concluded that the Hansli chicken exhibited better growth performance. Enough scope is left to study this genotype and explore its potential.

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