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Growth performance of local Pig of Jharkhand under different management systems

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Abstract

Pig rearing is one of the most important occupations of rural poor farmers and weaker sections of the society. Jharkhand is one of the leading states in the country where piggery has been accepted by rural people as remunerative enterprises. The study was undertaken in the three district of Jharkhand state viz, Ranchi, Dumka and Simdega. All the animals under study were local pigs reared by the local people in the study areas. A total of 90 Household rearing local pigs of different age group were selected and interviewed on the basis of questionnaire prepared. The average body weights of the local pigs of Ranchi, Dumka and Simdega districts at age groups of 0 day, 2^{nd} month, 3^{rd} month, and 4^{th} months were found to be 0.51 ± 6.20 , 3.75 ± 0.22 , 4.95 ± 0.36 and 6.60 ± 0.40 ; 0.45 ± 5.60 , 2.82 ± 0.10 , 3.80 ± 0.30 and 5.20 ± 0.40 ; and 0.42 ± 7.1 , 3.19 ± 0.17 , 3.80 ± 0.29 and 5.60 ± 0.43 , respectively. No significant effect of housing system on growth performance of local pigs was observed. However, better growth performance was observed under semi- intensive system of management followed by intensive and scavenging system.

Keywords: Local Pig, Average body weight, housing, intensive system and scavenging system

Introduction

Pig rearing is one of the most important occupations of rural poor farmers and weaker sections of the society. It directly influences the socio economic status as it acts as an insurance coverage for the downtrodden and socially weaker section of the society because of their high feed conversion efficiency, shorter generation interval, faster growth rate, low maintenance cost, higher dressing percentage and ability to utilize agricultural by-products and waste material to high human value diet. Jharkhand is one of the leading states in the country where piggery has been accepted by rural people as remunerative enterprises. It provided tremendous employment opportunity to local people through integrated piggery development programme in most of the district of Jharkhand.95.6 % of total pig population of Jharkhand are indigenous/local/ desi census (2012). However, the information regarding the indigenous pigs of Jharkhand is meagre. The pig especially indigenous one is well adapted and tolerable to various tropical environments with high temperature and relative humidity.

Materials and Methods

The study was undertaken in the three district of Jharkhand state viz, Ranchi, Dumka and Simdega. Three villages from each district were randomly selected. So, 9 villages were selected for the study. All the animals under study were local pigs reared by the local people in the study areas. A total of 90 Household rearing local pigs of different age groups were selected and interviewed. Data related to growth performance under different management system like housing, feeding were collected. Before collection of data, a questionnaire was prepared.

Results and Discussion Body weight

The average body weights of the local pigs of Ranchi, Dumka and Simdega districts at age groups of 0 day, 2^{nd} month, 3^{rd} month, and 4^{th} months were found to be 0.51 ± 6.20 , 3.75 ± 0.22 , 4.95 ± 0.36 and 6.60 ± 0.40 ; 0.45 ± 5.60 , 2.82 ± 0.10 , 3.80 ± 0.30 and 5.20 ± 0.40 ; and 0.42 ± 7.1 , 3.19 ± 0.17 , 3.80 ± 0.29 and 5.60 ± 0.43 , respectively. Significantly higher body weights were observed in Ranchi district followed by Dumka and Simdega at all the age groups under study. Results are conformity with the findings of earlier workers $^{[1, 2, 3, 4]}$ reported individual pig weight at weaning to be 4.87 ± 0.28 (Mizoram local), 4.97 ± 0.21 (Khasi Local), 4.90 ± 0.33 ,

(Sikkim local), and 7.08 ± 0.25 kg in Ghungroo pig and 5.47 ± 0.13 kg in Niang-Megha respectively.

 Table 1: Growth performance (kg) of local pigs in Ranchi, Dumka andSimdega districts of Jharkhand

Parameters	Ranchi (114)	Dumka (105)	Simdega (108)	Overall (%) (327)	Sig.	
0 day	0.51 ± 6.20	0.45 ± 5.60	0.42 ± 7.1	0.48 ± 4.5	NS	
2 nd month	3.75 ± 0.20^{b}	$2.82{\pm}0.10^{a}$	3.19 ± 0.17^{ab}	3.57±0.12	*	
3 rd month	4.95 ± 0.30^{b}	$3.80{\pm}0.30^a$	3.80 ± 0.29^{a}	4.58±0.34	*	
4 th month	6.60 ± 0.40^{b}	5.20±0.40 ^a	5.60±0.43 ^a	6.31±0.24	*	
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Effect of management system on growth performance

No significant effect of housing system on growth performance of local pigs was observed at all the periods under study in Ranchi, Dumka and Simdega districts. However, better growth performance was observed under semi- intensive system of management followed by intensive and Scavenging system. Overall body weight were observed to be 0.51 ± 6.2 kg, 3.75 ± 0.22 kg, 4.95 ± 0.36 kg and 6.60 ± 0.40 kg (Ranchi), 0.45±5.6 kg, 2.82±0.21 kg, 3.8±0.3 kg and 5.20±0.40kg (Dumka) and 0.42±7.18kg, 3.19±0.17kg, 3.80±0.29 and 5.60±0.43kg during the period of 0 days, 2nd month, 3rd month and 4th month of age respectively. Similarly, Sharma et al. ^[5] also observed better growth in five genetic group of pigs maintained under intensive system of Government pig breeding farm, Kanke, Ranchi than Semiintensive system maintained by the farmers in the rural areas. Under semi intensive system of management better growth performance in pig might be due to the fact that the better housing, feeding, grazing etc. as compared to Scavenging and Intensive system of management where limited feed are provided to pigs that is responsible for comparatively low growth performance.

 Table 2: Effect of housing system on growth performance (kg) of local pigs

Parameter	Intensive (35)	Semi intensive (37)	Scavenging (42)	Overall (114)	Sig.
0day	(33) 0.54±11.70	(= .)	(42) 0.50±8.60		NS
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2 nd months		3.93±0.35	3.60±0.40		
3 rd month	4.86±0.6	5.02±0.04	4.95±0.50	4.95 ± 0.36	NS
4 th month	6.50 ± 0.08	6.90±0.71	6.50±0.66	6.60 ± 0.40	NS

 Table 3: Effect of housing system on growth performance (kg) of local pigs in Dumka district

Intensive (34)	Semi intensive (26)	Scavenging (45)	Overall (105)	Sig.
0.42 ± 15.00	0.44 ± 9.90	0.46 ± 8.60	0.45 ± 5.60	NS
2.69±0.38	2.89±0.4	2.87±0.36	2.82 ± 0.21	NS
4.2±0.57	4.10±0.5	3.7±0.37	3.8±0.3	NS
5.00±0.83	5.70±0.7	4.87±0.66	5.20±0.4	NS
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 Table 4: Effect of housing system on growth performance (kg) of local pigs in Simdega district

Parameter	Intensive (39)	Semi intensive (33)	Scavenging (36)	Overall (108)	Sig.
0day	0.43 ± 11.5	0.44±12.1	$0.40{\pm}13.11$	0.42 ± 7.18	NS
2 nd months	3.12±0.32	3.57±0.25	2.85 ± 0.30	3.19±0.17	NS
3 rd month	3.00 ± 0.5	4.76±0.50	3.83 ± 0.52	3.8±0.29	NS
4 th month	5.57±0.72	5.62 ± 0.70	5.62 ± 0.75	5.6±0.43	NS

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