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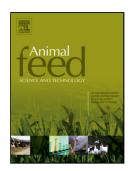
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SHORT COMMUNICATION: The effects of feeding cut plantain and perennial ryegrass-white clover pasture on dairy heifer feed and water intake, apparent nutrient digestibility and nitrogen excretion in urine

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Highlights:

- The feed digestibility was similar between plantain and pasture.
- The intake was similar between plantain and pasture.
- Plantain-fed heifers had lower urinary nitrogen concentration.
- Plantain-fed heifers had higher water intake.
- Plantain feed heifers has the potential to reduce environmental pollution.

ABSTRACT¹

Urinary nitrogen concentration (UN_{cc}) and urinary N excretion (UN) are directly associated with the nitrogen (N) leaching potential of soil and greenhouse gas emissions from grazing ruminants' urine patches. This study was carried out to examine the effects of feeding

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Abbreviations: BW, body weight; DM, dry matter; MPS, microbial protein synthesis index; N, nitrogen; NDF, neutral detergent fibre; NUE, N use efficiency; PL, plantain; PUN, plasma urea N; PW, perennial ryegrass-white clover pasture; SD, standard deviation; UN, urinary nitrogen excretion; UNcc, urinary nitrogen concentration; UV, urine volume; WSC, water soluble carbohydrate

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