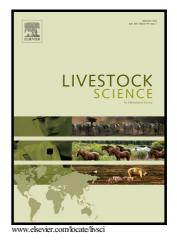
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ABSTRACT

The objective of this study was to develop a precision-fed rate-of-passage assay using iodinated contrast as an indigestible marker in broiler chickens. In this experiment, twenty-two Cobb-Cobb male broilers were obtained on the day of hatch and fed a standard corn-soybean meal starter diet until day 21. All birds were then orally gavaged 3 g of feed mixed with 2 ml of iodinated contrast. Two birds were selected for collection of the gastrointestinal tract (gizzard, duodenum, jejunum, ileum, ceca, and colon) at 0:15, 0:30, 0:45, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00 h post-gavage. A computed tomographic exam of the intestinal tract was conducted to determine

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