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EVALUATION OF A VENUE: AUSTRALIAN RED CLAW CRAYFISH (*Decapoda quadricarinatus*): FEED PRACTICAL DIETS WITH AND WITHOUT SUPPLEMENTAL LECTHIN AND/OR CHOLESTEROL.

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Red claw crayfish (*Decapoda quadricarinatus*) are one of more than a hundred Australian freshwater crayfish. However, because of its rapid growth rate, ease of spawning, wide temperature tolerance, and lack of 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 the United States and no information exists on their nutritional requirements and practical diet formulations. Since many crayfish require lecitin and cholesterol to be added to their diet, these two nutrients are especially expensive. Red claw and cholesterin are very expensive. Since diet costs can be as much as 70% of the total cost of an aquaculture enterprise, it is imperative that the least expensive diet be formulated. The present study was conducted to determine if cholesterin needs to be added to a practical diet for red claw crayfish.

An 8-week feeding trial was conducted in a recirculating water system with newly-hatched juvenile red claw (*Decapoda quadricarinatus*) in static mesh culture units. Individual units within fibreglass tanks, each containing a mechanical filter, water heater, and aeration system, were maintained at 27.2°C and lighting was provided by a 12-hour photoperiod. Ammonia, nitrite, nitrate, and pH were monitored daily. Temperature, alkalinity, chlorophyll *a*, and dissolved oxygen were monitored three times per week. The goal was to examine the effects of dietary lecitin and cholesterol on growth performance of newly hatched juvenile red claw when fed four practical diets with or without cholesterin and lecitin. Other practical diets included methionine 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 cholesterin and lecitin were 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 lecitin appears to be sufficient and that lecitin may not be necessary for juvenile red claw diets.

**TABLE 1. Formulation of experimental diets fed to red claw crayfish.**

Ingredient	Diet			
	1	2	3	4
Methionine Fish Meal	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0
Soybean Meal	35.0	35.0	35.0	44.5
Lectin	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0
Cholesterin	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Other	28.5	39.0	39.5	36.5

**TABLE 2. Final weight, percentage weight gain, specific growth rate (SGR), and percentage survival of red claw crayfish fed four practical diets. Means in a column with different letters were significantly different ( $P < 0.05$ ).**

Parameter	Diet			
	1	2	3	4
Final weight (g)	6.97 <sup>a</sup>	4.02 <sup>b</sup>	3.68 <sup>b</sup>	3.14 <sup>b</sup>
Weight gain (%)	3304	2876	1779	2404
SGR (day <sup>-1</sup> )	1.74	1.60	4.48	1.41
Survival (%)	76.0	64.0	56.0	88.0

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