BÖLÜM 10

YEMLER VE HAYVAN BESLEMEDE ORGANİK ASİTLER

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Hayvancılık sektöründe hayvansal ürünün miktar ve kalitesi ile hayvan refahını artırmak için birçok yem katkı maddeleri kullanılmaktadır. Uzun yıllardır en fazla kullanılan katkı maddesi antibiyotikler olmuştur (1). Ancak hayvansal ürünlerde kalıntı bırakması ve bakterilerin çapraz direnç geliştirmesi nedeniyle 2006 yılında başta Avrupa Birliği ülkeleri olmak üzere birçok ülkede ve Türkiye'de büyümeyi uyarıcı ve gelişimi tetikleyen antibiyotiklerin kullanımı yasaklanmıştır. Antibiyotiklerin yasaklanmasının ardından hayvanlar üzerinde oluşabilecek stres faktörü, hayvansal ürün kaybı gibi ekonomik ve üretimin sürekliliğine zarar verebilecek olumsuz etkilere karşı antibiyotiklerin yerini doldurabilecek alternatif doğal, güvenilir ve kalıntı bırakmayan ürünler araştırılmaya başlanmıştır (2). Bu amaçla enzimler, organik asitler, probiyotikler, prebiyotikler, simbiyotikler, esansiyel yağlar, tıbbi ve aromatik bitkiler, bitki ekstrakları gibi birçok ürünler hayvan beslemede antibiyotiklere alternatif olarak kullanımının araştırılması hız kazanmıştır. Bu araştırmalarda antibiyotiklere alternatif katkı maddesi olarak en çok üzerinde araştırılan ürünlerden biri de organik asitler olmuştur (3). Çünkü organik asitler, hem hayvan sağlığını hem de beslenme verimliliğini artırmaya yardımcı olması açısından hayvan beslemede önemli bir role sahiptir. Bu asitler, özellikle ruminantların sindirim süreçlerinde ve genel metabolizmalarında

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