

Nutritional value of pearl millet as poultry feed



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Due to the prediction that Australia will have to import significant quantities of feed grains which will inevitably lead to higher prices, it is essential that research be undertaken to find alternative feed sources for livestock, especially poultry, to reduce the increased cost of feeds and maintain an internationally competitive poultry industry. As current Australian millet varieties have never been evaluated as a feed grain for poultry, the main objective of this project was to examine the potential of two millet varieties (Katherine pearl millet and Siberian millet) as poultry feed ingredient. The results demonstrate that Katherine pearl millet could be incorporated into the diets of hens without any adverse effect on layer performance or egg production.