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EVALUATION OF JUVENILE AUSTRALIAN RED CLAW CRAYFISH *Cherax quadricarinatus* FED PRACTICAL DIETS WITH AND WITHOUT SUPPLEMENTAL LECITHIN AND/OR CHOLESTEROL

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Red claw crayfish (*Cherax quadricarinatus*) are one of more than a hundred ... Australian freshwater crayfish. However, because of its rapid growth rate, ease of spawning, wide ... and dissolved oxygen tolerance, and lack of a larval stage, red claw may be the best candidate for a... ...e United States. Red claw are only being investigated as an aquaculture species in th... country an... information exists on their nutritional requirements and practical diet formulations. ... many crust... ...ns require lecithin and cholesterol to be added to their diet, these two nutrients are usuall... ...d; however, lecithin and cholesterol are very expensive. Since diet costs can be as much as ... ...in... expenses for an aquaculture enterprise, it is imperative that the least expensive diet ... ...ed ... ...ets the nutrient requirements of the species. The present study was conducted to dete... ...f ... ...esterol and/or lecithin needs to be added to a practical diet for red claw crayfish.

An 8-week feeding trial was conducted in a recir... system with newly-hatched juvenile (... ...nd... weight of 0.2 g) red claw, each stock... ...a... plastic mesh culture units. Individual units ... ...al within fiberglass tanks, each ... ...ing a... ...al water line. Water was recirc... ...ugh ...gical and mechanical filters. Water te... ...ch... ...maintained at 27-29°C and ligh... was ... ...overhead fluorescent ceilin... ...s on a ... ...hour light:dark cycle. Ammonia, ...ve... ...gen, temperature, alkalinity, chlori... ...re measured three times per week. The ge... ...of th... ...dy was to examine the effects of growth perfo... ...of newly-hatched juvenile red claw when fed four practical diets with or without cholesterol and lecithin. Other practical diets included menhaden fish meal, soybean meal, shrimp meal, wheat flour, vitamin and mineral mix, pellet binder, cod liver oil, and corn oil (Table 1).

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

	Diet			
	1	2	3	4
Menhaden FM	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0
Soybean Meal	35.0	35.0	35.0	44.5
Lecithin 0.5	0.0	0.5	0.0	
Cholesterol	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Other	38.5	39.0	39.5	30.5

After 8 weeks, red claw crayfish fed a practical diet without cholesterol (Diet 3) had 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 lecithin appears to be sufficient and that lecithin may not be necessary for juvenile red claw diets.

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 ($P < 0.05$)

	Diet			
	1	2	3	4
Final weight (g)	6.97a	6.00a	3.64b	5.11a
Weight gain (%)	3384a	2897a	1717b	2454a
SGR (%/day)	5.74a	5.66a	4.68b	5.41a
Survival (%)	76.0	64.0	56.0	80.0

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