

# **Crop residue based complete feed for enhancing livestock performance- A review**

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## **Abstract**

The estimated projected data regarding demand and supply of feed and fodder shows the 13.20% and 18.43% deficit between demand and supply of dry and green fodder to livestock, respectively. Shortage of land for cultivation of fodders and increased human as well as livestock population has led to heavy competition for feed grains that necessitates using of the crop residues for the feeding of livestock. These crop residues are rich in fibre and low in other nutrients; they also and have low palatability and digestibility. The best way to efficiently utilize the crop residues is to prepare complete feeds from pretreated crop residues + to obtain concentrates mixture. Pretreatment of crop residues increases digestibility by increasing rate of delignification, increasing enzymatic hydrolysis of cellulose, hemicelluloses and thus increasing the glucose yield. The complete feed is a quantitative mixture of all dietary ingredients to provide the specific nutrient requirement for various physiological functions of livestock. Crop residue-based complete feed could be prepared in mash, blocks and pellet (Expander and extruder) form. In this system, all feed ingredients including roughages, are proportioned, processed and mixed into a uniform blend. Different researchers undertook feeding trials of complete animal feed and conventional animal feed, and reported better performance in terms of weight gain, milk yield and reproductive performance on feeding complete feed pellets or complete feed blocks to ruminants as compared to conventional ration. In conclusion, crop residue based complete feed could improve ruminant performance and reduces cost of feeding per kg gain or yield and thereby improving livestock based rural economy in developing countries like India.

**Keywords:** Complete feed, Crop residue, Pretreatment, Livestock, Ruminant performance

## **INTRODUCTION**

Total livestock population as per 20<sup>th</sup> livestock census in India is 535.78 million, showing rise of 4.6% over the previous census. Therefore, increased livestock population requires have feed and fodder enhancement requirement. Feed cost accounts about 60 to 70% of total livestock production costs. Increased competition for grains between human being and livestock necessitates consideration of economical feed resources, treatment methods besides technologies for production of high valued livestock feed using them.

In India, different crop residues are produced every year. Some of them are utilized as fodder for the animals, burned as such to remove waste in land, or used as fuel and for composting. Day by day the feed and fodder requirement is increasing due to increased livestock population, farm mechanization etc. but, However, feed and fodder supply is deficit due to less availability of land for fodder cultivation, heavy competition for grains between human beings and animals. About 3, 62,793 million tonnes of crop residues are generated each year in India. And. Large quantities of crop residues are burnt, produced contributing grossly to the environmental pollution. Hence, it these crop residues need s proper utilization and disposal.

To overcome the fodder shortage due to increase in livestock population, use of crop residues in the animal ration is required must. The best way to efficiently utilize the crop residues is to prepare complete feeds from crop residues + and concentrates mixture. Expected demand and supply estimates of dry and green forages, up to the year 2050 [1], is represented in Table 1.

**Table 1: Demand and supply estimates of dry and green forages (million tonnes) [1]**

Year	Demand		Supply		Deficient		Deficit as %	
	Dry	Green	Dry	Green	Dry	Green	Dry	Green
2010	508.9	816.8	453.2	525.5	55.72	291.3	10.95	35.66
2020	530.5	851.3	467.6	590.4	62.85	260.9	11.85	30.65
2030	568.1	911.6	500.0	687.4	68.07	224.2	11.98	24.59
2040	594.9	954.8	524.4	761.7	70.57	193.0	11.86	20.22
2050	631.0	1012.7	547.7	826.0	83.27	186.6	13.20	18.43

Major crop residues produced from different crops are Maize stover, maize husk, Sorghum starw, groundnut straw, wheat straw, rice straw, arhar straw, gram straw, sugarcane bagasse, sugarcane tops, molasses, millet straw, soybean straw etc. The inclusion level of these crop residues in different complete livestock feed varies from 17.5 to 75 percent as per the physiological status of the animal and nutritive value of different crop residues.

### Constraints in sole feeding of crop residues [2] (Please delete, no references must be added to the title)

Major constraints in sole feeding of crop residues include the following [2]:

- Crop residues are rich in fibre and low in nitrogen, minerals and vitamins.
- Their palatability, digestibility is low and therefore crop residues cannot form a sole ration for livestock.
- Crop residues are seasonally produced & have year-to-year variation in their production, hence need to be conserved.
- The crop residues are bulky in nature. Hence, they are expensive to transport, even for short distances.
- Some of the residues contains anti-nutritional factors e.g., sorghum and maize Stover contains tannin and paddy straw contains oxalate
- It is possible to bridge the gap between availability and requirement of roughages by processing of crop residues by using suitable method to improve nutrient availability of crop residues.

### Concept of complete feed from crop residue

- The complete feed is a quantitative mixture of all dietary ingredients to provide the specific nutrients requirement [3].
- In this system, all feed ingredients including roughages are proportioned, processed, and mixed into a uniform blend.
- The product is used for feeding of livestock as a sole source of nutrients.
- The complete feeds can provide an adequate supply of balanced nutrients to the animal by controlling the concentrate to roughage ratio.
- It helps in improving utilization of low-quality fibrous crop residues.
- The system avoids feed wastage by promoting feed intake and by preventing refusal of the unpalatable feedstuff portions with reduction in feeding cost.
- Eating and rumination time can also be reduced due to feeding crop residue based complete feeds to animals.
- In complete rations, the proportion of other ingredients varies as per physiological status of animal and nutritive value of ingredients.
- These complete diets can be processed into mash or pellets or feed block.
- Mash feed can be pelleted by adopting either traditional steam pelleting or recently developed expander-extruder technology [add a related reference].

### **Pretreatment on different crop residues include following methods [4] (Please delete)**

The methods mainly used for pre-treatment of crop residues include the following [4]:

1. Physical method- It includes mechanical, thermal, ultrasound, electrokinetic and microwave method of pretreatment.
2. Chemical treatment includes treatment of acid, alkali, oxidative and organo-solve treatment on crop residues.
3. Biological pretreatment method includes fungal, enzymatic and bacterial enzymatic treatment on different crop residues.
4. Combined pretreatment includes steam explosion, extrusion, and thermochemical methods of treatment.

Commonly used pretreatment methods are alkali treatment, urea treatment, steam explosion, ozonolysis and enzyme enzymatic treatment. Crop residue-based complete feed could be prepared in mash, pellet, block or expander extruder pellet form.

### **Advantages of pretreatment on crop residues**

The pretreatment of crop residues is characterized by the following advantages:

1. It improves palatability of crop residues and thereby intake.
2. It breaks lingo-cellulosic bond improves digestibility of crop residues.
3. It enhances enzymatic hydrolysis and thereby conversion of cellulose into fermentable sugars.
4. It enhances delignification of crop residues and thereby improves quality of crop residues. Melted lignin acts as a binding material in complete feed pellet or block making.
5. It increases glucose yield leads to improvement in animal production.

Crop residue-based complete feed could be prepared in mash, pellet, block or expander extruder pellet form. [Please delete, added above as indicated in highlight green color]

### **Improving animal performance**

Complete feed improves animal performance by following ways:

1. Stabilize rumen environment & improves nutrient utilization
2. Less fluctuation in release of ammonia and efficient utilization of ruminal NPN
3. Improves fibre digestion, hence acetate production
4. Due to maintained Roughage: Concentrate ratio it maintains milk quality?? Please rephrase
5. Increase in energy density in feed
6. Increased digestibility of protein and improves nitrogen balance
7. Improves total volatile fatty acid production (Propionate and acetate).

### Proportion of straws in complete feeds

- 30 to 70 percent roughages can be included in complete rations depending upon the physiological status of animals to be fed.
- The roughage content of complete diets can be as follows,

For high-yielding animals -30–40 percent

For growing animals -40–50 percent and

For dry animals -60–70 percent,

Whereas, P protein content in complete ration varies from 11 to 13 percent.

### The proportion of straws in complete feeds for milking animals

Complete feed block is composed of forage, concentrate and other supplementary nutrients in desired proportions capable of fulfilling an animal's nutrient requirement [5].

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Sr. No.	Milk yield of animal	Proportion of straw
1	5-10 liters/day	60%
2	10-15 liters/day	50%
3	15-20 liters/day	40%

### Ingredients of the concentrate mixture

Ingredients of the concentrate mixture includes [5]:

- Oil cakes/ meals as a protein source
- Molasses, grains, grain byproducts as an energy source
- Bypass fat and protein for the preparation of complete diet for high yielders

- Micro minerals, vitamins
- Feed additives- probiotics, bentonite, enzymes, antioxidants, herbal extracts, etc.

### **Advantages of complete feed [5], Please delete, no references must add in the title]**

#### **Enhancing livestock performance by the complete feed include numerous Advantages [5]:**

- Complete feed has potential to fulfill the nutrient requirement of animals.
- It is possible to exploit locally available animal feed resources in complete feed to overcome the deficit of feed/fodder.
- There is scope for incorporation of tree leaves/shrubs in routine diets.
- Due to preparation of complete feeds quality feed is available round the year and is cost-effective.
- Complete feed prepared from bulky roughage sources is cheaper in storage and transportation.
- Complete ration feeding saves time and labour.
- Complete feed can correct multi-nutrient deficiencies in animals.
- Enhances utilization & palatability of poor quality/unconventional feeds through complete feeds.
- Reduces feed wastage
- It prevents selective feeding by animal.
- Complete feed facilitates farm management by allowing complete mechanization and more flexibility to include a wide range of alternative feeds.
- Low methane emission is possible by feeding complete feeds from animals.
- Feeding of complete feeds leads to improvement in productive & reproductive performance of animals.

#### **Effect of feeding the complete feed in various forms**

A comparative study of on the effect of feeding the complete feed in various forms was reported. Comparative growth performance study in goats and lambs on feeding crop residue-based complete mash Vs complete pellet feed was studied by Li et al. [6]. Final body weight (Kg), ADG(g/d) and daily feed intake (Kg DM) was significantly higher and feed to gain ratio was better in goats and lambs fed pelleted crop residue based complete feed than complete mash feed.

Afzal et al. [7], They reported significant ( $p < 0.05$ ) improvement in feed conversion efficiency with marked reduction in cost of production by feeding complete feed block than complete mash feed to Corriedale lambs, while DM (Dry Matter) and digestibility of gross nutrients, nutritive value and retention of major minerals did not change between the groups.

The higher average milk yield in complete feed block fed than in mash fed lactating buffaloes during an on-farm trial. Farmers were of opinion that complete feed blocks enhanced milk yield and were also easy at feeding and storage [8].

Effect of feeding processed sweet sorghum crushed residue-based complete rations in Murrah buffalo calves was studied by Seshaiyah et al. [9]. They found higher final body weight (224.70 kg), ADG (585.33 g/d), Feed intake (4.56 kg), better FCR (7.80) and low cost/Kg gain (Rs. 52.44) in Murrah buffalo calves fed Sweet sorghum crushed residue based complete expander extruder pellets than in Murrah buffalo calves fed either Sorghum straw based complete mash feed or Sweet sorghum crushed residue based complete mash feed.

#### **Milk production studies**

Milk production studies based on crop residue-based complete feed are reported. Dry matter intake was 28.2, 26.7 and 15.0 percent less on complete diets containing cotton stalks, maize cobs and sunflower heads, respectively, compared with the conventional diet [add the reference].

Average milk yield increased by 11.3, 11.5, 23.5 percent and cost of feed/kg milk yield were reduced by 21.5, 23.4 and 25.2 percent on feeding complete diets containing cotton stalks, maize cobs and sunflower heads, respectively, compared with the conventional diets [add the reference]. The diets maintained 6–8 litres/day of milk yield in lactating Murrah buffalo. The results indicated that cotton stalks, maize cobs and sunflower heads could be incorporated in complete diets as sole roughage sources without any adverse effect on milk production in lactating Murrah buffalo [10]. The milk yield was 16.7 and 11.4 litres/day on feed blocks produced from premium and lower-quality sorghum Stover, respectively [11], indicating the feasibility of medium levels of milk production on crop-residue-based complete feeds.

Rao et al. [12], They reported about an increase in milk yield by 15.2% and FCM by 17.5% after feeding complete feed based on sunflower heads. They also reported higher fat and SNF (Solids-Not-Fat) by 19.7 % and 15.9%, respectively.

Thakur and Tomar [13] reported that, an increase in milk yield was by 16.23 % in buffaloes fed a complete diet containing concentrate+ sorghum fodder+ wheat straw in 50:35:15 proportions.

Gafer et al. [14], It was observed that the milk fat, lactose, SNF and total solids were highest in cow fed with TMR (Total Mixed Ration) than the conventional feed.

### Meat production studies

Meat production studies based on crop residue-based complete feed are reported. Reddy and Reddy [10] They reported that, the complete diets supported 87–108 g average daily gains (ADG) in Nellore ram lambs and 71 to 81 g ADG in local male kids in the intensive-feeding system. The ADG was significantly ( $P < 0.05$ ) higher on complete diets compared with the respective conventional diet in both species. The DM dry matter intake/kg gain decreased by about 20 percent in sheep and 15 percent in goats, while the cost of feed/kg gain decreased by 13 to 32 percent in lambs and 13–22 percent in kids compared with the conventional diet. Dressing percentage and meat: bone ratio was optimum and almost similar for complete and conventional diets in sheep and goats.

Jadhav and Deshmukh [15] have found that, fed complete rations is containing wheat straw and black gram straw at 60% level in crossbred sheep, and reported that the ADG (g/d) was 60 and 62.5, respectively. Whereas Karim et al. [16], found a significantly higher ADG in Bharat Merino lambs fed complete diets containing 50% roughage and 50% concentrate than Bharat merino lambs fed conventional diet.

[17] Formulated Arhar based pelleted complete feed with roughage: Concentrate ratio, 60:40 with two different protein levels and fed to 12 non-descript goats (divided into two groups) for 140 days. The ADG found in the two groups were 75.7 and 72.9 g/d, respectively.

### Effect of crop residue based complete feed on animal reproduction

Walli 2010 [18], He have reported an early maturity and age at first calving by 4-6 months in heifers. However, reduction in problems like an oestrus and repeat breeding with overall improvement in reproductive performance was also reported on feeding crop residue based complete feed.

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## CONCLUSION

Higher demand of milk and meat in the country (you mean India?) requires newer feed resources with lower input cost for economical livestock rearing. Higher production of food grains i.e. cereals, pulses, oilseeds and agro-industrial products generates larger source of crop residues. Demand and supply gap of roughages and concentrates can be bridged through effective utilization of crop residues. Feed

processing technology provides better opportunity for converting poor quality crop residues with proper supplementation into high valued feed. Crop residue based complete feed increases digestibility by increasing rate of delignification, increasing enzymatic hydrolysis of cellulose, hemicelluloses and thus increasing the livestock performance. Strategic use of crop residues for complete feed production can support sustainable livestock production system and can further prevent environmental pollution.

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