

Food formulas (corn)

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In message <1092039500.55960.0@dyke.uk.clara.net>, Jay
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> "nuele" <fowls@nuele-online.de> wrote in message

> news:1gi25c7.1v5qfxhk4aog0N%fowls@nuele-online.de...

>> Hi all,

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> This may be superfluous by now but as I've just opened a new bag I wipped

> off the details for you. I feed layers pellets to the adults – they are all

> layers as opposed to table birds.

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>> after opening a hen recently I was really shocked about how awfully fat

>> she was. I wouldn't have thought that as my breed looks so pheasant or

>> game-like, thin and flighty.

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>> Now of course I can just feed less, but I have also thought about the

>> food I give and whether it's really what I should give. The manufacturer

>> recommended these layers' pellets which I used since last year:

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>> 15.0% protein

>> 4.9 % oil

>> 4.5 % fibre

>> 13.0 % ash

>> 0.5 % phosphorus

>> 0.2 % sodium

>> 0.6 & methionin/cystin

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> Mine is:

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> 17.0% protein

> 3.5 % oil

> 4.5 % fibre

> 13.0 % ash

> 0.35% Methione

> 6000 IU/kg Vit A

> 3000 IU/kg Vit D3

> 10 IU/kg Vit E (alpha tocopherol)

> 0.25 mg/kg Selenium (Sodium Selenite)

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>20 mg/kg Copper (*Cupric Sulphate*)

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>*I feed this adlib from a hopper. In the afternoon they (usually) have half a*

>*small saucepan of grain between them (eight birds). Wheat in summer, mixed*

>*corn in winter when it's colder. They have mixed grit available in a pot and*

>*sometimes calcified seaweed.*

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>*Regards*

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>*Jay*

Thought that some of you might find this interesting. I've not long since got back from a visit to the States. On my outward journey I was, by coincidence, seated next to a lady with a PhD in animal nutrition, specialising in poultry nutrition. She was on her way to a conference on poultry nutrition in St Louis. As can be imagined I had plenty of questions to ask. She knew quite a few people whom I also knew & had been involved in the development of a couple of products which I use, biomoss (a yeast based probiotic) & selplex (a usable form of selenium). One of the questions which I asked was about the use of corn (maize) in poultry feed as it is widely used in US feeds yet is advised against by such people as Victoria Roberts. I was told that while corn, high in carbohydrate, is heating to a certain extent, the climate in this country is never hot enough for this to be a problem. Wheat as the base of much of our poultry feed in UK is apparently mostly due to cost & likewise the use of corn in US.

On the use of selenium in feed (or as a tablet supplement) one apparently needs to be very careful as to the form of the selenium being used. Some is not readily usable by our bodies (or chicken's) & can be dangerous. She gave me her email address & said to write so I'll ask the form of selenium which she said might as well not be taken, as I had an idea that it might have been the one listed above.

Regards

Krys

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