

TABLE 12.50. Effect of Lysine Supplementation on the Utilization of Distillers' Dried Grains with Solubles (DDG/S) by Growing-Finishing Pigs

Level of DDG/S, %	0	20	20	20
Level of lysine supplementation, %	0	0	0.15	0.25
Av daily gain, kg	0.79	0.61 <sup>a</sup>	0.73	0.73
Av daily feed, kg	1.61	2.40	2.53	2.54
Feed/gain ratio	3.34	3.94 <sup>b</sup>	3.48	3.49

Source: Wahlstrom et al. 1970.  
<sup>a,b</sup>Means on the same line with different superscripts are significantly different.

generally higher than that of the original grain. Ewan (1976) reported a metabolizable energy value of 2940 kcal/kg for distillers' dried grains with solubles which is somewhat less than that of maize (3320) and soybean meal (3130). This is because of its relatively high fiber content (8.5–9.0%) and the pattern of amino acids, the dietary level of distillers' dried grains with solubles for growing-finishing swine should be limited to 10–15% or a maximum of 20% when supplemental lysine is added. Under most conditions, grains rather than their by-products will be a more economical source of energy.

Distillers' dried grains with solubles have been shown to be a useful feed for gestating swine. Thong *et al.* (1978) demonstrated that a dietary level of 44.7% distillers' dried grains with solubles could substitute for all of the soybean meal and a portion of the maize without affecting gilt gain or reproductive performance. Even at this level of substitution in which the distillers' dried grains with solubles supplied 68% of the total dietary lysine and 44% of the total metabolizable energy, average gestation gains, litter size, and weight at birth were similar to those obtained when a 11.4% crude protein maize-soybean meal control diet containing 0.42% lysine was fed. Absolute daily nitrogen retention from the 44.2% distillers' dried grains with solubles diet was equal to that from the control diet, indicating that the lysine from this distillery by-product was apparently highly available.

### Brewery By-products

The brewery by-product, dried brewers' grains, is a bulky, low-energy feed containing 96.7% dry matter, 28.5% crude protein, 6.1% ether extract, 19.1% crude fiber, 3.6% ash, and 39.4% nitrogen-free extract. The protein has been shown to be 72.4% digestible and the digestible energy, metabolizable energy and metabolizable energy corrected for nitrogen to be 2650, 2500, and 2380 kcal/kg DM, respectively, with only 52.3% of the gross energy being digestible (Kornegay 1973). The amino acid content of brewers' dried grains is shown in Table 12.51.

Young and Ingram (1968) used dried brewers' grains as a replacement for soybean meal in the diet of growing-finishing pigs. Levels of 0, 25, 50, 75, and 100% of the supplemental protein or 0, 11.4, 23.3, 34.0, or 52.4% of the diet

TABLE 12.51. Amino Acid Content of Brewers' Dried Grains

Item	Source 1 <sup>a</sup>	Source 2 <sup>b</sup>
Aspartic acid	1.76	1.78
Threonine	1.01	0.97
Serine	1.20	1.39
Glutamic acid	4.28	6.05
Proline	2.91	2.28
Glycine	1.06	0.94
Alanine	1.64	1.72
Valine	1.24	1.44
Cystine	0.28	—
Methionine	0.51	0.58
Isoleucine	1.71	1.95
Leucine	2.82	3.22
Tyrosine	0.95	1.22
Phenylalanine	1.57	1.44
Lysine	0.76	0.63
Histidine	0.67	0.57
Arginine	1.28	1.09
Tryptophan	—	0.25

Source: <sup>a</sup>Kornegay 1973; <sup>b</sup>Brooks 1971.

supplied by dried brewers' grains. There were no changes in average growth or carcass quality of pigs given up to 50% of the supplemental protein, but when brewers' grains supplied more than 50% of the supplemental protein, there was a tendency for both gains and feed efficiency to decline. The effect of the inclusion of increasing levels of brewers' grains was most pronounced during the finishing period, where both gains and feed efficiency were linearly depressed with an increase in level of brewer's grain. Similar studies by Baird *et al.* (1975) tested 0, 25, 50, and 75% of the soybean meal in 15% protein maize-soybean meal diets for growing-finishing pigs. It was shown that at levels of more than 50% substitution, lysine became limiting and caused significant reductions in daily gain and efficiency of food conversion. Nigerian studies have shown that replacement of maize by 5, 10, or 15% brewers' dried grain in diets based on sorghum, peanut meal, and blood meal had no effect on pig performance or efficient feed utilization (Babatunde *et al.* 1975).

In two trials with growing-finishing pigs, one in winter and one in summer, Maxwell *et al.* (1979) used brewers' dried grains containing 22.4% protein and 0.76% lysine to substitute maize and soybean meal on an isolysine basis at levels of 5, 10, 15, and 20%. Pooled data from the two trials (Table 12.52) indicated a dramatic reduction in growth rate and a linear increase in feed/gain with increasing level of brewers' dried grains. The authors concluded that up to 15% brewers' dried grains could be included in maize-soybean meal diets for growing-finishing swine without depressing growth; however, feed required per unit of gain increased progressively with increasing levels of brewers' dried grains.

11

C

C

TABLE 12.52. Effect of Dietary Level of Brewers' Dried Grains (BDG) on Performance of Growing Finishing Swine

Level of BDG, %	Summer		Winter		Pooled	
	ADG, <sup>a</sup> g	Feed/gain	ADG, g	Feed/gain	ADG, g <sup>b</sup>	Feed/gain
0	798	3.18	687	3.59	742	3.38
5	772	3.21	730	3.59	751	3.40
10	771	3.24	722	3.65	746	3.44
15	770	3.30	703	3.71	736	3.51
20	704	3.44	681	3.78	692	3.61

Source: Cromwell et al. 1979.

<sup>a</sup>Average daily gain.

<sup>b</sup>Significant quadratic reduction in growth rate.

<sup>c</sup>Significant linear reduction in feed/gain.

Although Young and Ingram (1968) reported that the proportion of dried brewers' grains had no effect on gains during the finishing period, Werner and Schellner (1960-1961) demonstrated that feeding wet brewer's grains to finishing pigs (53-115 kg) reduced gains by 15.5% and increased both intake per kilogram of gain and cost of production, even when it replaced garbage in the ration.

Brewers' dried grains have been used as a nutrient source for gestating sows. Harmon et al. (1975) fed gestating sows 1.8 kg daily of a maize-soybean meal diet containing 0.42% lysine or similar diets in which brewers' dried grains supplied 50 or 100% of the dietary lysine. It was shown that brewers' dried grains could replace all of the soybean meal in the diet without significantly reducing reproductive performance. However, as brewers' grains increased in the diet, metabolizable energy (3.48, 3.35, and 3.06 kcal/g) and gestation weight gains were reduced. Wahlstrom and Libal (1976) used brewers' dried grains to replace 20 or 40% of a maize-soybean meal diet for pregnant sows. Diets with 0, 20, or 40% brewers' dried grains had 12.0, 13.7, or 15.4% crude protein, 0.50% lysine, and 3.12, 2.88, and 2.55 Mcal/kg of metabolizable energy (ME). They were hand fed at levels of 1.8, 2.0, and 2.2 kg daily to supply all sows with 5.6 Mcal ME daily, except during very cold weather the intakes were raised to 7.0 Mcal ME daily in the last month of pregnancy. After farrowing, all sows received a maize-sorghum meal diet containing 15% crude protein. Although there was no significant effect of diet on litter size, litter weight, or pig weight at birth, at weaning, sows fed 40% brewers' dried grains gained significantly less than those fed either the control or 20% brewers' dried grains diet, and this reduction was more pronounced during extremely cold weather. Therefore, brewers' dried grains can be used to supply up to 40% of the diet for gestating sows without affecting reproductive performance. It is necessary, however, to increase daily sow intake of diets containing high levels of brewers' dried grains to compensate for lower metabolizable energy content in order to provide adequate energy for gestation weight gains.