

Impact of varying protein source and ammonium chloride inclusion on Boer goat growth and carcass traits

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Introduction

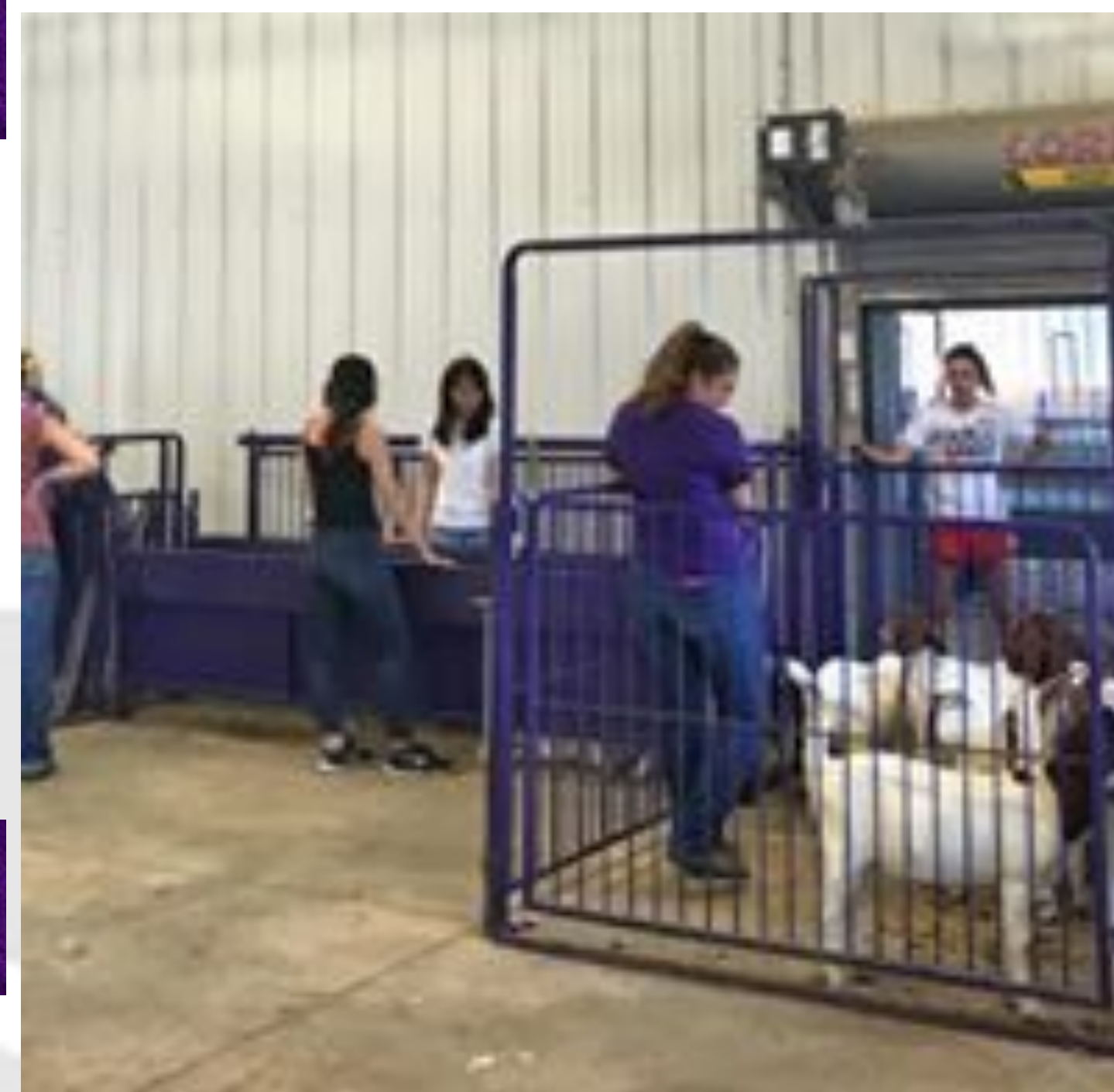
- There are 1.01 Billion goats worldwide.
- The world goat population continues to increase and last year the Kansas goat population alone increased by 7.4%
- SoyPlus: bypass proteins deliver the amino acids needed to achieve a higher performance.
- SoyChlor: a palatable dietary chloride source, is designed for use in balancing dietary cation-anion differences.

Objective

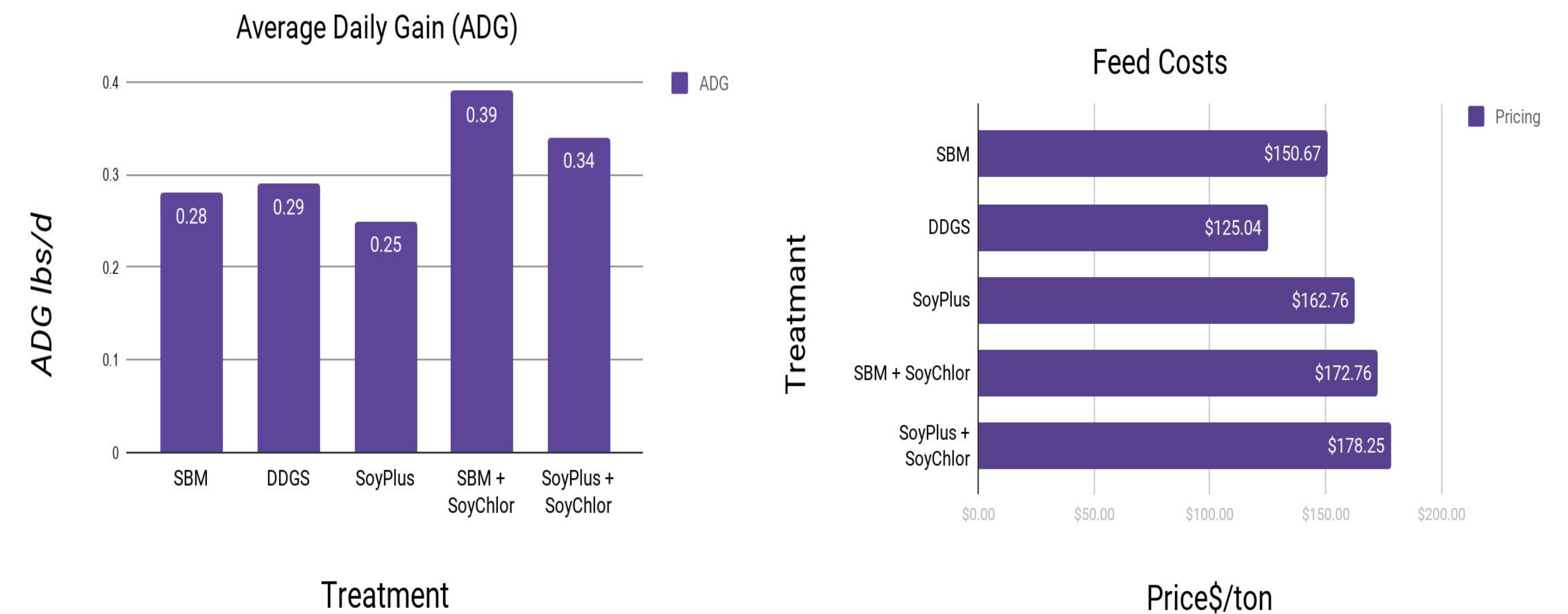
To evaluating the impact of varying protein source and ammonium chloride inclusion on feedlot goat growth and carcass traits.

Experimental Procedures

- Seventy-five meat goat kids (approximately 70 d of age) were divided randomly into pens of 3 with 5 pens per treatment.
- Treatments consisted of:
 - 1) Soybean Meal (SBM)
 - 2) Dried Distillers Grain (DDGS)
 - 3) Soyplus
 - 4) SBM plus SoyChlor
 - 5) Soyplus plus SoyChlor
- Two kids from each pen (heaviest/lightest) were taken for slaughter.
 - 1) Hot carcass weight
 - 2) Yield
 - 3) Loin eye area
 - 4) Loin eye depth
 - 5) Backfat depth
 - 6) Body wall thickness
- Urine and fecile samples were collected to determine urine acidity.
- Carcass traits were calculated at the end of the experiment.
- The goats were fed daily and the amount fed was weighed and recorded.
- Diets were fed for 42 days
- For 14d prior to experiment start goats were fed step-up rations.
- Goats and feeders were weighed weekly
- Every week we calculated average daily gain, average daily feed intake, and feed efficiency



Results



Carcass Traits

	SBM	DDGS	SoyPlus	SBM + SoyPlus	SoyPlus + SoyChlor
Hot Carcass Weight, kg	15.6	14.5	13.1	16.4	14.7
Yield, %	50.7	49.4	48.3	50.7	49.6
Loin eye area, cm ²	10.8	9.4	9.5	11.4	8.8
Loin Eye Depth, cm	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.3
Backfat Dept, mm	0.9	1.2	1.0	1.1	1.2
Body Wall Thickness, cm	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.5

Conclusion

- Overall there was no significant change ($P>0.05$) in DDGS compared to Soyplus, or in that of when replacing ammonium chloride with Soychlor
- In addition, there was no significant change in body weight when comparing treatments
- Only real major difference was costs of rations per/ton

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