

The Influence Of Fermentation Time On Physical And Proximate Characteristics On Palm Kernel Meat Using *Bacillus Licheniformis*

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Abstract: Palm kernel meal is waste produced from the extraction of palm oil. The main problem in the use of palm kernel meal in fish feed ingredients is the high crude fiber content making it difficult for fish to digest. The purpose of this study was to observe palm kernel meal fermented with *Bacillus licheniformis* to improve the quality of feed raw materials. The research was carried out with the length of fermentation treatment 0, 24, 48, 72, and 96 hours with 3 replications. The results showed that the fermentation of palm kernel meal at the 48th hour using *Bacillus licheniformis* gave the best results on increasing protein levels by 30, 22 and the results of physical characteristics test of aroma, texture, lumps, and colors also gave the best results. Then the crude fiber decreases for 96 hours after fermentation.

Index Terms: Fermentation, Palm kernel meal, *Bacillus licheniformis*.

1. INTRODUCTION

Palm kernel meal, very potential to be used as an alternative feed source of protein and energy. The nutritional content of the palm kernel meal is crude protein at 15.32%, crude fiber 14.39%, crude fat 1.75%, Ca 0.49% and P 0.68%, with a metabolic energy content of 1892 Kcal / kg [1]. (Shakila and Reddy, 2014). Palm kernel meal is included in the type of concentrate feed or reinforcement feed. Which has benefits as a source of energy, protein, vitamins, and minerals [2] (Ketaren, 2008). Pranata (2015) [3] the content of crude fiber of palm kernel meal ranges between 10-17%. In order to be used as a raw material in making fish feed, technology is needed to reduce the fiber content of the palm kernel meal. The use of palm kernel meal as fish feed is not optimal because of the low biological value of protein and high crude fiber which can inhibit the process of nutrient absorption. *Bacillus* species are well suited for the production of protease enzymes. *Bacillus* microbes do not produce toxins, are easily grown, do not require expensive substrates, are able to withstand high temperatures, lack metabolic byproducts and their ability to produce large amounts of extracellular protein. One of the thermostable proteases can be produced from thermophilic microorganisms, namely *Bacillus licheniformis* [4] (Soeka et al., 2011). then *Bacillus licheniformis* is able to produce cellulose, hemicellulose, and manannase [5] (Seo et al., 2014). According to the ultimate (2011) [6] Fermentation is the process of breaking down organic compounds into simpler compounds by involving microorganisms. In general, all fermented end products usually contain compounds that are simpler and easier to digest than the original ingredients. Overcoming this problem needs to be studied about the processing of palm kernel meal which can reduce levels of crude fiber and increase the efficiency of its protein so that its utilization in feed is maximum. One way to increase the effectiveness of protein and the value of the benefits of palm kernel meal with a biotechnological approach through fermentation with *Bacillus licheniformis*.

2 METHODOLOGY

2.1 Fermentation

The process of fermentation of palm kernel meal refers to the solid phase fermentation method. The initial procedure for the process of fermentation of palm kernel meal flour is to make an inoculum. *B. licheniformis* isolates obtained from LIPI were first rejuvenated in Nutrient Agar (NA) and incubated for 24 hours at 37°C. After being cultured on the media so that it is then cultured on a liquid media (Nutrient Broth), then incubated in an incubator at 37°C for 24 hours with a bacterial density of 10⁸, then the bacteria are ready to use. The next procedure is solid-phase *B. licheniformis* fermentation. Each treatment was fermented for 0, 24, 48, 72 and 96 hours, repeated 3 times then the fermentation product was harvested.

2.2 Physical Characteristics

Observations made at this stage of the fermentation process are changes in texture, aroma, lumps, and color on the surface of the fermented palm kernel meal media, then made in the form of scoring [7] to indicate the success of the fermentation process in each treatment 0, 24, 48, 72 and 96 days long fermentation time. Scoring 1-4 with criteria not good, poor, good and very good where the greater the score indicates the better the fermentation.

2.3 Proximate Analysis

Proximate analysis was carried out on palm kernel meal before fermentation and after fermentation at 24 hours, 48 hours, 72 hours and 96 hours. The proximate analysis consists of water content, crude protein content, crude fat content, ash content and crude fiber [8].

2.4 Statistical Analysis

The data obtained were analyzed using variance analysis (ANOVA) using SPSS software ver. 20.

3 RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Physical Characteristics of Fermented Results Based on the results of fermentation, the best time is at 48 hours. The results were observed through changes in texture, aroma, lumps, and color on the surface of the palm kernel meal media.

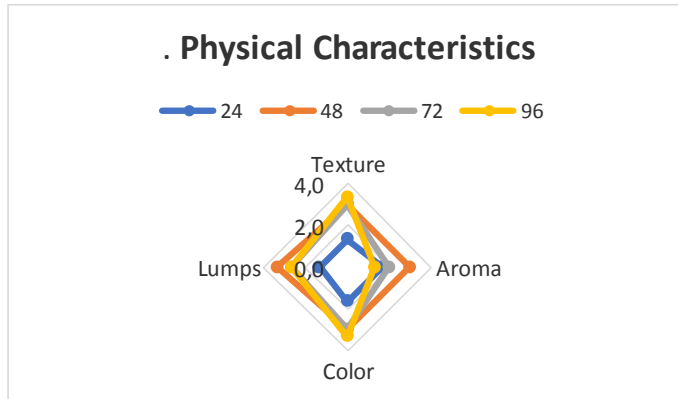


Figure 1. Physical Characteristics of Fermented Results

The observation results in Figure 1 above can be seen visually by the presence of lumps, the number of lumps in the fermented palm kernel meal media is also one of the indications of the best treatment. The scoring results based on blobs obtained at the 48th hour are the best results. lumps formed in fermentation with *Bacillus licheniformis* as a result of the exothermic reaction during the process of breaking down

organic matter. Based on the results of the study, the aroma of the cemented palm kernel meal showed the best aroma, which is a little acidic and a typical fermented fragrance at the 48th hour. This is in accordance with the opinion (Abdelhadi et al., 2005) [9] which states that good fermentation is to have a sour aroma and smell good. According to Mulia et al. (2010) [10] hydrolysis time effect on increasing levels of NH_3 (ammonia). Based on the results of studies on the texture and lumps of fermented palm kernel meal at 48 hours showed the best texture and lumps compared to other hours. Texture formation is also influenced by water content, fat content, and type of substrate (Fellows, 1992) [11]. Deliani (2008) [12] states that fermentation causes changes in the nature of feed ingredients including texture as a result of the breakdown of food content by microorganisms that are in it.

Proximate Palm Kernel Meal

The proximate yield of palm kernel meal which has been fermented at the highest fermentation time of protein value at 48 hours. The use of fermentation is intended to reduce levels of crude fiber and improve protein quality. The results can be seen in Table 2.

Table 1. Criteria for Assessment of Physical Test Results of Fermentation Scoring

Scoring value	Number of lumps	Aroma	Color	Texture
1 (Not Good)	No lumps <10%	Rancid or fragrant >10%	Black <10%	Very rude <10%
2 (Poor)	Slight clumps <10 - <25%	Somewhat missing >10 - <25%	Blackish Brown <10 - <25%	Rough <10 - <25%
3 (Good)	There are lumps >25 - <40%	Many missing >25 - <40%	Chocolate >25 - <40%	Slightly soft >25 - <40%
4 (Very Good)	Blobs >40%	Odorless <40%	Light Brown >40%	Soft >40%

Table 2. Proximate Result of Fermented Palm Kernel Meal

Long-time fermentation	Protein (%)	Fat (%)	Water (%)	Ash (%)	Crude Fiber (%)	Carbohydrates(%)
0 hours	20,01 ± 0,86 ^a	8,81 ± 0,47 ^c	89,84 ± 1,12 ^d	7,16 ± 0,18 ^a	27,78 ± 0,53 ^d	32,57 ± 2,16 ^c
24 hours	26,30 ± 1,06 ^b	5,88 ± 0,32 ^b	63,54 ± 3,14 ^a	8,42 ± 0,27 ^b	24,98 ± 2,05 ^c	21,92 ± 0,57 ^a
48 hours	30,22 ± 0,90 ^c	6,20 ± 0,27 ^b	67,73 ± 2,25 ^{ab}	6,99 ± 0,11 ^a	18,30 ± 0,44 ^b	25,92 ± 0,57 ^b
72 hours	26,71 ± 0,65 ^b	4,08 ± 0,03 ^a	71,98 ± 2,29 ^b	6,99 ± 0,10 ^a	17,41 ± 0,58 ^b	32,26 ± 1,13 ^c
96 hours	25,01 ± 1,24 ^b	4,65 ± 0,57 ^a	83,46 ± 2,94 ^c	7,33 ± 0,12 ^a	14,23 ± 0,65 ^a	40,75 ± 2,75 ^d

Table 2 shows that protein levels based on proximate results increase in protein values with increasing fermentation time. The highest crude protein fermented palm kernel meal testing with a duration of 48 hours was 30.22%, then followed by a treatment of 72 hours (26.71%), 24 hours (26.30%), 96 hours (25.01 %) and the lowest treatment is 0 hours of unfermented palm kernel meal (20.01%). [13] The development of microorganisms with NH₃ and carbon substrate sources, so that by itself will increase protein levels in line with the increase of storage time in the biodegradation process and in the process makes protein levels can be maintained and easily absorbed by microbes because crude protein compounds have been decomposed to be simplified. Seen on crude fiber along with the length of fermentation the value of crude fiber decreases while the lowest crude fiber value at 96 hours fermentation is equal to 14.23%. The faster the enzyme activity will accelerate in breaking down the fiber in proportion to the formation of microbes. *Bacillus licheniformis* is able to produce enzymes mananase and cellulose enzymes (Sigres and Sutrisno, 2015) [14]

4 CONCLUSION

It can be concluded from the results of the study showing that the fermentation of palm kernel meal at the 48th hour using *Bacillus licheniformis* gave the best results in increasing protein levels by 30, 22 and the results of physical characteristics test of aroma, texture, lumps, and colors also gave the best results. Then the crude fiber decreases to 96 hours fermentation time.

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