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A review of the Nutritional advantages of feeding farm animals *Cichorium intybus* as a supplement

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Abstract:

The inclusion of various grains in animal diets is too expensive, and it competes with human nourishment. It is now important to introduce substitute feeds that could address the issues with production costs in the livestock business while also having a good influence on animal health, production output, and product quality. Chicory pieces, for example, have been successfully added to small ruminant diets as supplements without impairing animal performance. For centuries, people all throughout the world have utilised the perennial herbaceous plant *Cichorium intybus*, which belongs to the family Asteraceae, as feed for animals. Chicory's popularity is rapidly rising as a result of its many health, culinary, and nutritional benefits. Chicory plant components that are useful. a seeds, b a blossom, c a root, d a roasted root, and e a field of chicory

1. Initialization

The roots are used as a substitute for coffee, animal feed, and pet food, while the leaves and blossoms are typically consumed as vegetables in salads [1]. To enhance flavour, chicory extracts are occasionally added to alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages [2], whereas alcohol can be produced from the inulin-rich tuberous roots [3]. Ailments and illnesses of the body are treated with components of the chicory plant in several nations, as well as for preventative purposes in both people and livestock [4, 5]. Due to the somewhat bitter flavour of fresh chicory roots, they are typically debittered by boiling, drying, baking or roasting, soaking in water or citric acid solution, and then being diced or milled before being utilised as a functional food ingredient, feed, or in coffee blends [1, 6–8].

Among the many phytochemicals included in chicory root are inulin, a polysaccharide that mimics starch, coumarins, flavonoids, sesquiterpene lactones (lactucin and lactucopicrin), tannins, alkaloids, vitamins, minerals, and volatile oils [9]. Chicory's secondary metabolites, including flavonoids, tannins, and coumarins, have been shown to possess biological properties like antioxidant, anticancer, anti-inflammatory, antiparasitic, and antihepatotoxic effects that are beneficial to both human and animal health [10, 11]. Inulin, a fructose polymer with -(2-1)-glycosidic linkage, makes up up to 68% of the total compounds present in fresh chicory roots [12]. As a prebiotic with low calories and dietary fibre, inulin serves as a great sugar alternative and is a healthy option for diabetics [15, 16].

Additionally, the performance of animals fed fodder chicory is superior to pastures made of grass and comparable to that of legumes [11]. Chicory is said to boost milk production when added to pasture, according to [17]. According to several reports [18–21], grazing chicory has the potential to lower the need for anthelmintics because it is known to inhibit some internal parasites in animals. Chicory is a great complementary and/or alternative animal feed

supplement because of its chemical composition and related nutritional qualities, which are reviewed and summarized in this study.

Photochemistry of *Cichorium intybus*

A recent decrease in the prevalence of chronic diseases is closely associated with high dietary consumption of a variety of fruits and vegetables [22]. These plant parts' phytochemicals, or health-promoting elements, have a variety of biological effects, such as antioxidant, anticancer, anti-inflammatory, and glucosidase inhibition. The most common phytochemicals are phenolic acids, which include chlorogenic acids, and flavonoids (anthocyanins, flavonols, flavanone, and flavan-3-ols). Plant polyphenols are frequently found as glycosides, which are less reactive and easier to store in the cell vacuole [23].

Hexose, glucose or galactose, deoxyhexose, rhamnose, pentose, xylose or arabinose, and glucuronic acid are among the sugar residues that are liberated through glycosidic-linkage cleavage and related rearrangement events [23]. Condensed tannins, one of the phytochemicals that supports animal health, have been shown in numerous studies to be present in chicory. On the other hand, high dietary tannin concentrations can harm animal productivity [27]. Carrazzone et al. (2013) [23] using high-performance liquid chromatography-electrospray ionization/mass spectrometry.

Process for extracting flavonoids and phenolic acids from several strains of *Cichorium intybus* var. *silvestre*. Among the 64 compounds discovered were several hydroxycinnamic acid derivatives made of eight mono- and dcaffeoylquinic acids, three tartaric acid derivatives, 31 flavonols, and 2 flavones. concentrated on the ethnomedicinal, botanical, and phytopharmacological features of *Cichorium intybus* and the identification of a few phytoconstituents of chicory, including eight anthocyanins, six caffeic acid derivative isomers, and glycosides. the results of a recent review [11]

Massoud et al. (2009) [1] investigated the chemical composition of the leaves and roots of *Cichorium Intybus* and the representative phytoconstituents presented as macronutrients, micronutrients (essential minerals), and phenolic compounds in Tables 1, 2, and 3, respectively.

Numerous studies have shown that fresh chicory roots contain 68% inulin, which is a polysaccharide related to starch, 14% sucrose, 5% cellulose, 6% protein, 4% ash, and 3% other substances by dry weight [13, 30-32]. These researchers also noted that, by weight, dry chicory root extract has 98% inulin and 2% other components. According to a Soobo study from 2005 [33], oligofructose and inulin-type fructan are both abundant in chicory root. Chemically speaking, inulin is a polydisperse-(2,1)-fructan that can be hydrolyzed to produce fructose and glucose. Fructose, a long-chain carbohydrate made up of 22–60 fructose molecules with a terminal glucose molecule, is abundantly present in chicory (up to 94%) [34].

Their bitterness is largely caused by the presence of large amounts of sesquiterpene lactones, such as lactucin, 8-deoxylactucin, lactucopicrin, and 11 β -dihydro-derivatives [35]. Researchers [36] who discovered sesquiterpene lactones, a (+)-germacrene, from chicory roots corroborated this. Roasted chicory roots contain a variety of chemicals, including 2-acetylpyrrole, furfural, phenyl acetaldehyde, phenyl acetic acid, vanillin, pyrazines, benzothiazoles, aldehydes, aromatic hydrocarbons, furans, phenols, organic acids, and trace amounts of the insole alkaloids (β -carboline), harmine, and norharmine. Chicory root extract is made by filtering and centrifuging the water-soluble portion of the milled dry root to remove the volatile oils, fatty acids, alkaloids, triterpenes, flavonoids, latex, tannins, and saponins [37].

Table 1: composition of chicory plant* [1].

composition%	Root	leaf
Moisture content	75.63 ± 0.39	83.06 ± 1.55
Crude protein	4.65 ± 0.25	14.70 ± 1.03
Crude ether extract	1.69 ± 0.71	3.68 ± 0.19
Ash	4.25 ± 0.11	10.91 ± 1.86
Total carbohydrates	89.41 ± 1.07	70.71 ± 3.08
Total sugars (soluble)	11.06 ± 1.00	7.80 ± 1.45
Inulin	44.69 ± 0.88	10.95 ± 2.56
Crude fiber	5.12 ± 1.55	16.78 ± 2.20
Dietary fiber (DF)		
Insoluble DF	30.73 ± 0.33	ND**
Soluble DF	0.42 ± 0.07	ND**
Total DF	31.15	ND**

*On dry weight basis; mean ± 5.0 (each value represents the average of three determinations ± standard deviation); **ND: not determined

Table 2 Mineral content (mg/100 g) of chicory plant (leaves and roots) in comparison with RDA* [1].

Chicory plant	Macroelements					Microelements			
	Ca	K	Mg	Na	Fe	Cu	Mn	Zn	Pb
Roots	181.26 ± 4.40	103.7 ± 4.62	20.14 ± 1.69	67.42 ± 2.45	1.77 ± 0.21	0.36 ± 0.02	0.31 ± 0.10	0.39 ± 0.03	0.04 ± 0.003
Leaves	292.61 ± 13.35	166.57 ± 3.43	6.944 ± 5.86	88.84 ± 2.58	9.178 ± 0.85	0.60 ± 0.06	0.90 ± 0.01	0.91 ± 0.03	0.03 ± 0.01
RDA mg/100 g	1000–1300	-	240–420	1600	8–11	0.8–1.2	1.6–2.3	12–15	-

*RDA recommended daily requirement for men and women.

Table 3: Chicory extracts (%) as identified by HPLC [1].

Chicory	Methanolic extracts (%)	Total phenolic content*	Phenolic compound (%)	
Leaves	23.16	26.4 ± 1.05	Gallic acid	1.96
Roots	10.75	20.0 ± 0.9	Protocatechuic acid	2.50
			Chlorogenic acid	17.84
			p-Hydroxybenzoic acid	11.04
			Caffeic acid	35.22
			Isovanillic acid	1.97
			p-Coumaric acid	9.65
			Unknown compound	19.46

Three brand-new benzo-isochromenes called chicorins A, B, and C were identified from chicory roots [38, 39]. According to these specialists, the roots also include fatty acids (mostly palmitic and linoleic), pectin, -lactucerol (taraxasterol), cichoriin (esculetin-7-glucoside), fixed oils, choline, and other compounds. *Cichorium intybus* seeds are excellent for both ruminant and monogastric diets because they contain a wide range of nutrients. The majority of chicory seed variations, according to Ying and Gui (2012) [40], have high quantities of crude protein, which makes up more than 19% of the dry weight and is 1.6–2.4 times higher than the value in the majority of conventional grains including wheat, rice, corn and barley.

These authors also mentioned that chicory seeds are a good source of the majority of important amino acids, including methionine, lysine, leucine, isoleucine, phenylalanine, and others that are suggested for a perfect dietary protein. More than 76% of the total fatty acids profile, which also includes monounsaturated oleic acid (18:1n-9), stearic acid (18:0), and palmitic acid (16:0), are made up of the essential linoleic acid (18:2n-6) found in the seeds, which are also rich in demulcent oils, a good source of both saturated and unsaturated fatty acids [41]. When compared to lucerne seeds, chicory seeds have relatively higher concentrations of vital minerals like potassium (K), calcium (Ca), magnesium (Mg), selenium (S), and zinc (Zn) [42]. Additionally, [40] *Cichorium intybus* seeds were used to make cichotyboside, a sesquiterpene glycoside that was shown to have considerable hepatoprotective effect in rats against carbon tetrachloride-induced liver injury. Therefore, chicory seed can be considered a nutritious alternative and/or supplement in the diets of both humans and animals.

The blue tint of the chicory flower's perianth was first attributed to anthocyanins in 2002 by Nrbaek and colleagues [44]. Subsequent studies [45, 46] revealed that chicory flowers also contain saccharides, flavonoids, cichorine, methoxycoumarin, and essential oils. These researchers [2] had previously determined that the flowers, leaves, and shoots of chicory contain inulin, fructose, choline, resin, chicoric acid (dicaffeoyl tartaric acid), esculetin, esculin (esculetin-6-glucoside), cichoriin, umbelliferone, scopoletin, 6,7-dihydrocoumarin, and sesquiterpene lactones and their glycosides. Additionally, several researchers [47, 48] extracted vitamins A, B6, and K from red chicory, which also includes certain minerals and carotenoids. Chicoric acid was shown to be the main chemical produced from the methanolic extracts of chicory in a food chemistry study by [23, 49]. Similar to this, earlier studies [45] reported that octane, [50].

***Cichorium intybus*'s Medical Benefits for Livestock Production**

The soluble dietary fibre inulin found in chicory is a prototypical prebiotic that is particularly helpful in monogastric feeding and is also employed as a functional food ingredient [14, 51, 52]. Prebiotics are believed to promote the growth of host-friendly gut bacteria including lactobacilli and bifidobacteria for general beneficial health, according to a number of studies [53, 54]. In addition, a prebiotic may boost the immune system, lower pathogenic bacterial levels in the intestine [55], relieve constipation, lower the risk of osteoporosis by increasing the absorption of crucial minerals, particularly calcium [56], and lower the risk of atherosclerosis by reducing the liver's ability to synthesise triglycerides and fatty acids as well as their serum levels [54].

Some of the plant secondary metabolites (PSM) of the chicory plant have been reported to possess some ethnomedicinal properties. These PSM serve as herbal remedies for ailments and body conditioning in both humans and animals. Saeed et al. (2017) [59] summarized previous opinions on the health benefits of chicory herb, emphasizing its role as a hepatoprotective agent. The nutritional benefits of *Cichorium intybus* in livestock mitigating peroxidation of lipids in serum and organs, as well as improving growth efficiency,

reproduction, and health, were explained. Other bioactive properties such as antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, anticancer, antiprotozoal, antidiabetic, antimicrobial, immunological, cardiovascular, hypolipidemic, gastroprotective, analgesic, anthelmintic, productive and reproductive enhancer, and wound healing properties were also described [59]. Volatile oils are found in all parts of the plant but are more concentrated in the roots which have been found to be effective at eliminating intestinal worms [20, 21, 32].

The research conducted by Hassan et al. (2014) [60] on the effects of wormwood (*Artemisia absinthium*) and chicory (*Cichorium intybus*) extracts at various doses against ovine gastrointestinal nematodes revealed high efficacy. All the worms died after 4 hours when chicory extract (50 mg/ml) and wormwood extract (25 mg/ml) were administered in vitro against adult *Haemonchus contortus* [60]. Another investigation into the anthelmintic properties of forage chicory against gastrointestinal nematode parasites found that feeding pasture to experimentally infected calves (70% of chicory dry matter) dramatically lowers worm burdens and faecal egg counts of *Ostertagia ostertagi*. The anthelmintic effects of dietary chicory have been discovered [61]. Sesquiterpene lactones have been found in both fresh and silage chicory feed.

The polyphenolic acid of chicory roots is thought to have a variety of health-promoting properties, including anticarcinogenic, anti-inflammatory, antiviral, antibacterial, antimutagenic, antifungal, anthelmintic, immune-stimulating, and antihepatotoxic activity, as well as antioxidant properties, according to research by Milala et al. (2009) [62] and other researchers. Also, according to many researchers [63, 67–69], chicory PSM can protect the digestive system, lower blood cholesterol, and act to combat the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). As a result, the addition of preparations high in prebiotic saccharides and polyphenols derived from chicory can be used to support a diet's healthful qualities while also serving as both food and a herbal remedy. Research [70], The toxicity of chicory root to internal parasites is widely established. Inulin is said to reduce parasites like *Ascaris* [71] and *Trichuris* [72] in pigs, according to later reports.

It has been proposed that one potential mechanism is the decrease of intestinal pH, which is unfavourable for the growth of the parasite embryo. It was demonstrated in two distinct studies [18, 21] that chicory consumption by farm animals decreased worm burdens, which led to its widespread usage as a feed additive with a low fibre content. In the study carried out by Marley and associates, (2003) [73], it was observed that there were significantly less helminths overall in the abomasum of lambs that grazed on chicory.

A small amount of sesquiterpene lactones [77] and condensed tannins [32, 74–76] are also present in chicory, which may impair ruminants' ability to use protein effectively as well as their intestinal parasite populations. Sesquiterpene lactones in chicory extract were also found to prevent the hatching of sheep's *Haemonchus contortus* eggs [78]. An earlier study [79] found that utilising a larval migration and inhibition assay, extracts rich in condensed tannins and sesquiterpenes from *C. intybus* were shown to suppress the larval motility of lungworm and gastrointestinal nematodes. Chicory is affordable and effective against parasites and the *Lawsonia* bacteria, according to a research on pigs in Denmark [80], but when taken excessively, it can have unpleasant side effects.

Livestock: *Cichorium intybus*

According to a study [81], the nutritional value of a chicory crop varies depending on the stage of growth, crop health, and environmental factors. Chicory has been shown in the literature to be an effective fodder for lamb finishing. The herb offers amazing properties including growing well at low soil pH levels and minimum annual rainfall of 600 mm. The forage has a notable

high nutritional value, with a CP of 14–24%, a leaf digestibility of 70–80%, and a ME of 13.7 MJ/kg DM [82]. Condensed tannins and other secondary metabolites found in chicory have a beneficial effect on internal parasites in lambs, reduce methane generation, and boost sheep reproduction rates. [83]. Hopkins et al. (1995) [84] also recorded that lambs that grazed chicory on their finishing phase showed no change in meat quality and were not fatter than the lambs fed lucerne forage.

In 2004, Brown and Moot's study [85] found that lucerne forage provided 30% more yearly crude protein (CP) and ME intake for sward than chicory or red clover due to its combination herbage quality and higher herbage consumptions. This suggests that lucerne has a better potential to increase the production of animals. The study also showed that red clover, lucerne, and chicory all had high ME concentrations (10.9–11.3 MJ/kg DM). Red clover and lucerne both produced high concentrations of CP (0.25 to 0.29 g/g DM), while chicory had a lower concentration (0.18 g/g DM).

In New Zealand, chicory remains leafy throughout the first summer but turns to seed during the second summer, lowering the quality of the feed [29]. Chicory herbage quality with 0–20% stem has a lower DM content than ryegrass pasture, according to a study comparing the two (Table 4). Additionally, compared to ryegrass pasture, chicory's chemical composition has less fibre, more protein, more soluble carbohydrates, and more minerals (P, K, S, Ca, Mg, Na, Zn, Cu, and B). Chicory's high digestibility and low fibre content prevent it from being a viable sole diet for cows, but because it can be eliminated from the cow more quickly than perennial ryegrass, this can enhance voluntary feed intake [29].

Table 4 Herbage value of chicory and fodder [29].

	DM (%)	Protein (% DM)	Soluble sugars + starch (% DM)	Fibre (% DM)	Digestibility (% DM)	ME (MJ/kg DM)
Chicory	7–15	16–27	10–22	20–30	72–83	11.5–13.0
Ryegrass*	10–30	12–28	8–21	40–55	65–85	9.5–12.5

Cichorium intybus's antinutritional characteristics

Once they have exceeded an appropriate intake level, some PSM may have harmful or toxic effects on the growth and performance of livestock, according to some researches [88]. Classes of active PSM include alkaloids, terpenes, saponins, lactones, glycosides, and phenolic compounds, whose excessive ingestion can have a negative impact on ruminant and non-ruminant health and, in some cases, even endanger their survival [21]. For instance, when added to the diets of ruminants at a rate more than 4-5% of dry matter, tannins and other PSM have been linked to lower feed intake, impaired dry matter digestibility, and impaired rumen metabolism [89]. Additionally described side effects include animal weight loss, toxicity, and death [90,]

Conclusion

Cichorium intybus is grown and employed for a variety of applications throughout the world. It is frequently used as a therapeutic and preventative measure or to preserve overall health. It

is a very adaptable plant that provides advantages to both animals and people because of the significant amounts of proteins, carbohydrates, minerals, and phytoactive components it contains. Some of the phytoconstituents used in livestock production have been found to have benefits for animals, whether they are parasitized or not. As a result, chicory provides an excellent, affordable, sustainable, and natural livestock supplement or substitute feed ingredient. To avoid toxicity at high PSM concentrations, caution should be used when chicory is added to diets or let to graze by ruminants. It is highly advised to conduct more study on the multifunctional capabilities of the phytoactive components found in chicory, their antinutritional effects, the ideal amount to include in animal diets, the underlying mechanism of action, and the biochemical makeup of the active PSM.

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