

Climate Change Challenge & Protein Food Production



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Climate change describes Global Warming; the ongoing increase in Global Average Temperature and its effects on Earth's Climate & all life living on it

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Climate Change – as we see

Change in Environmental Temperature; world become hotter year after year

Extended Summer with higher Temperature every year

Shortened Monsoon with Less Rain resulting Ground water Quantity & Quality issue for all

Erratic Winter with fluctuating Temperature; hotter in some area & extreme cold with snow in other

> Un-seasonal Rain, Glacier burst flood in Hills

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Climate Change – as we see

> Drinking Water Quantity & Quality Crisis throughout the world

> Quantitative & Qualitative Adverse effect on Agriculture because most Agri Crops are season dependent; Food become Costlier everyday

- Change in Biodiversity
- Extinction of some species
- Emergence of new species
- Change in Genetic Character of Existing Species

Change in Adaptive Capacity of Existing Species due to change in Temperature & Drinking Water issues

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Climate Change - as our Chicks see

Chicks are not a material but a living substance; Sufferer of Global Warming

- Elevation of Environmental Temperature beyond their comfort zone which they need for Health & efficient Productivity
- Deterioration of drinking water quality
- Reduce Crop yield due to Draught/Flood results Increase Cost of Feed Raw Material leading to Compromised quality in Feed



• Fungal growth in Maize & other Crops, facilitating production of Mycotoxins

• Emergence of New Diseases from new/mutated microorganisms affecting Health & Productivity

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Climate Change - as our Chicks see



Climate Change Induced Heat Stress Effect in Poultry

- Chickens are homeotherms & regulate their body Temperature across a wide range of external Temperature.
- But continuous high climate Temp overwhelm the thermoregulatory mechanisms, resulting imbalance between the amount of metabolic heat produced & their capacity to dissipate body heat in the environment





 Chickens lack sweat glands, which would facilitate latent heat loss by evaporation (perspiration), and have limited un-feathered body surface areas for effective loss of sensible heat through conduction, radiation, & convection

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What is Heat Stress?

- A situation when chicken faces difficulty in achieving balance between body heat production & body heat loss
- It may occur at any age and with all kinds of poultry; Broiler, Egg Laying Pullet and Breeder
- Heat Stress (HS) is not only uncomfortable for a chicken, it also damages organs, cause egg deformation, Reduce Fertility, decrease hatchability and even death



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> With Increase in Climate Temperature, the Thermal gradient between the Body surface and the surrounding environment lessens with Dissipation of Sensible Heat decreasing, resulting Chicken suffering from environmentinduced Hyperthermia.



> This increase Respiratory rate (Thermal Polypnea or Panting) to maximize Loss of Latent Heat via Evaporation of water from the Respiratory tract.

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>Relative Humidity (RH) imposes a Ceiling on water evaporation resulting Latent Heat Dissipation.

> Thus, elevated Ambient Temperature associated with high RH limits Heat Removal from the body and intensify the harmful effects of Heat Stress in Poultry

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Climate Change Induced Heat Stress Effect in Poultry

Rise in Climate Temperature disturbs normal Physiological Functions in Chicken Body and induces Cell Injury

Heat Stress causes several Physiological changes like Oxidative Stress, Acid base Imbalance, Immuno-suppression resulting Increased Mortality and reduced Feed Intake leading to Poor Body weight & Lowered Egg production

Dehydration is the most harmful panting related issue, causing Immunosuppression & Increased Water Intake

Heat Stress impact the Expression of Gene related to Growth, Production Performance & Resistance to disease

Increased Water Intake results Gut Health Problem by diluting Nutrients in the intestinal lumen and Poor Litter with Ammonia Problem through watery droppings

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Climate Change Induced Heat Stress Effect in Broiler

Increased atmospheric Temperature Induced Heat Stress causes • Restlessness & Panting, unnecessary loss of energy

• Oxidative Stress causes Gut Health Problem > 1. Less Digestion with Reduced Productivity, 2. Less Immunity with more Infections & 3. Less Boarder Protection more & more infections

• Reduced Feed Intake on account of Heat related discomfort

• Reduced Weight gain on account of Low Feed Intake & Loss of Energy while Panting

• Heat Stress has Permanent damaging effect; damages the muscles affecting Meat Quality and Lowering Breast Muscle Yield

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• Disturbs Lipid metabolism by affecting enzyme function in lipid breakdown causing Excess Fat deposition instead of converting to meat

• Reduces Protein content of the muscles, reduction of muscle pH & Water Holding Capacity and ultimately affecting Juiciness of Chicken Meat

• Cause Immuno-suppression and facilitates entry of all sorts of Microorganisms already exit in poultry environment

• Cause Respiratory Distress and facilitates occurrence of respiratory infections like E coli, CRD, IB, ND (RD), Avian Influenza, etc.

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Heat Stress Effect on Physiology of Layer Chicken

• Panting causes Respiratory Alkalosis, acid base imbalance leading to permanent physiological damages.



 Alkalosis reduces blood ionized Calcium and ultimately Eggshell mineralization resulting Reduced Egg production accompanying Pale Egg, Soft Shell Eggs, Thin Shell Egg with increased Breakage % in Layer & Breeder
 Heat Stress affect affects Male Fertility and Hatchability in Breeder Hen



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Heat Stress Effect on Physiology of Layer Chicken

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- Reduced Feed Intake
- Reduced Egg Production
- Reduced Egg Weight
- Poor Shell Quality
- Reduced Albumin Height in Egg
- Reduced Male Fertility
- Reduced Hatchability





- Poor Growth
- Cannibalism
- Respiratory Distress leading to Respiratory Infections like E coli, CRD, Coryza, ND, IB, AI
- Immuno-Suppression

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Heat Stress Effect on Chicken – Vicious Cycle

- After 70 years of genetic research, the modern fast-growing, highly efficient Broilers and almost daily Egg producing Layers with high metabolic rate needs highly dense nutrients in feed
- To exploit the genetic potential & to sustain the metabolic activity today's chicken need comfortable climate all through their life
- They are less thermotolerant & more susceptible to Heat Stress due to extremely high metabolic rates and poorly developed cardiovascular & respiratory systems
- Under open house farming system, Chickens from most poultry producing areas of this subcontinent are under Heat Stress for around 9 months in a year resulting Poor Health, especially the respiratory system & Poor Productivity in both Broiler & Layer.
- Poultry Farmers are far below to reaching the genetic potential productivity in terms of Meat & Egg.

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Heat Stress Effect on Chicken – Vicious Cycle

- Under Heat Stress, water intake increases leading to dilution of Nutrients inside intestinal lumen resulting mal-absorption and passage of nutrients into the hind gut
- This favours growth of undesirable microorganism, loss of microbial equilibrium in the gut, Dysbacteriosis, Enteritis, Watery dropping, Wet Litter condition resulting further increase in Humidity at the bird's level leading to increase discomfort level & dehydration. The chicken will consume more water and the condition aggravates in a cyclic manner
- Globally Respiratory diseases are on rise in Broiler, Layer & Breeders leading to Mortality and Cost of Medication & Manpower
- Gut Health is the major issue in today's poultry, which is directly related to Climate Change induced Increase Environment Temperature
- Poultry Productivity in terms of Meat & Egg are far below to genetic potential due to climate change related Heat Stress.

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Heat Stress Effect on Chicken – Vicious Cycle

Closed EC house invented to offer much needed comfort to Chicken to obtain the genetic potential production



Panting cause increase water intake resulting Dilution of Nutrients in the intestine, passage of nutrients in the hind gut, growth of undesirable microorganism, loss of microbiota equilibrium, Dysbacteriosis, Enteritis, Watery dropping, Poor litter condition, Ammonia Build-up and further deterioration of the Ventilation of the house.

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leading to Panting

Heat Stress Effect on Chicken – Vicious Cycle

- This results Poor Feed Intake with Poor Body Weight Gain & Egg Production in one hand and Respiratory Distress leading to occurrence of Respiratory Diseases like E coli, CRD, IB, ND, Coryza & Avian Influenza etc on the other.
- This condition are increasingly very common in Environmental Control poultry house globally because of Climate Change related Rise in ambient Temperature.
- Respiratory disease are on rise in Broiler, Layer & Breeders in closed EC house leading to Mortality and Cost of Medication & Manpower
- Productivity in terms of Meat & Egg are below to genetic potential even in EC Poultry House

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Mitigation Strategy of Climate Change Induced Heat Stress

Efficient Poultry production

• Awareness of genetic Potential & Need of the Chicken to reach there

• Planning & Implementation to extract 100% potential in farming business providing the need on time

• Use of Technologies, specially Poultry Civil & Electrical Engineering and Artificial Intelligence

• Alternative Feed Raw material source which are less vulnerable to climate changes

Biosecurity to Minimize Loss

• Poultry Loosing aprox 20% Productivity due to Disease globally

• Controlling Disease through Scientific Biosecurity measure will minimize Loss, which in turn reduce energy consumption by Poultry Industry, helping the planet to become little less hotter

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Mitigation Strategy of Climate Change Induced Heat Stress

By Using Natural Resources

> Compulsory use of Solar Power in poultry production

> Production of Bio Gas/Electricity from Poultry Manure

Reduced Requirement of Electricity leading to Reduced Coal Burning in Thermal Power plant resulting Reduced Heat generation, helping Climate to become less hotter
Reduced Production of Poultry Waste generated Heat, reduced Heating of Environment
Reduced Production of Carbon particulate Pollutant from Thermal power unit helping Human and Poultry fraternity to breath freely and reducing Respiratory diseases
Direct Financial Benefits from Selling/Using Dried Manure

Rain Water Harvesting

• To reduce Ground water use in Poultry to save the same for human society

• To reduce Electricity consumption to lift water from underground, indirectly saving Heat generation for Climate Change

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Thank You



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