BAT conclusions 3 and 4 require you to adopt a nutritional strategy to reduce the levels of nitrogen (N) and phosphorus (P) excretion.

RE: Green Label Poultry duck diets

All duck feed supplied to Green label Poultry is formulated to Green Label’s specifications. Feed is currently supplied by For Farmers.

Ducks are fed two rations during their life cycle; starter ration is fed from day old until circa 17 days, and grower ration is fed thereafter. Crude protein levels in the starter ration are 22.0% and phosphorus is 0.83%. Levels of crude protein and phosphorus are lower in the grower ration, at 19.0% and 0.63% respectively.

The grower ration also contains phytase enzyme. Green Label are currently in the process of introducing the use of phytase to the starter ration which will achieve a reduction of around 0.16% in total phosphorus.

Yours sincerely,

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Further to Robert’s email I provide protein and phosphorus values for commercial duck diets.

A middle ground between all the compounders that supply you would be:-

Starter Protein 22.0 (= 3.52N) and 0.84 P

Grower Protein 18.5 (= 2.96N) and 0.55P

We are in process of introducing phytase into the starter diet across all mills although ABN have been using on trial basis since last Autumn. The use of phytase will reduce the total P in the starter by about 0.16 to 0.68. Grower diet is already using phytase so no change there.

Regards

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