

# aova technologies

powering animal agriculture

## The Effect of BIG BIRD on Pullet Feed Efficiency

### Materials and Methods:

Seventy four thousand two hundred fifty six Bovans pullets were used in a 17 week feed trial to evaluate the effect of BIG BIRD on feed efficiency. Pullets were divided into five different rows within a house. Three rows of 14,896 pullets were fed a basal diet. Two rows of 14,784 pullets were fed a basal diet with BIG BIRD included at a 0.2% inclusion rate. Feed consumption was monitored weekly.

### Results:

All pullets on study were grown to similar body weights and uniformity requirements prior to housing. Results are shown on the graph below. Control pullets consumed a total of 233 tons while pullets fed a basal diet with BIG BIRD consumed 135 tons of feed. Control pullets consumed an average of 10.43 lbs of feed per hen housed. Pullets fed the basal diet with BIG BIRD consumed an average of 9.13 lbs of feed per hen housed. Pullets fed a diet containing BIG BIRD showed an average of 12.43% improvement in feed efficiency.

**Points of Interest:**  
**Pullets fed a diet containing BIG BIRD had an average of 12.43% improvement in feed efficiency.**

