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# MORACID Acidifier and Antioxidant

### **Acids Improve Performance**

Adding organic acids to the feeds of young pigs is not new. Research has shown that addition of acids to feeds improved the performance of weaning pigs. Digestive enzymes are more active in acidic conditions. In new born piglets, the gastrointestinal tract is immature and not fully capable of producing sufficient digestive acids, enzymes and microflora necessary for efficient digestion of feeds. The enzyme pepsin hydrolyses certain peptide bonds and initalizes the digestion of protein. The proenzyume pepsinogen is secreted from the cells of the stomach wall. Under ACIDIC conditions (pH 1.6 to 3.2) the prozyme pepsinogen is activated to form pepsin. Appropriate gastric pH level will favor the production of pepsin and therefore enhance the digestion of protein.

Trypsinogen and chymotrypsinogen are proenzymes secreted into the duodenum portion of the small intestine from the pancreas in an inactive form to be activated at the site of digestion by means of acidification. Both enzymes can convert protein into digestible amino acids. Addition of acids will effectively acidify the duodenum portion and result in higher enzymatic activity which in turn enhances digestion, growth rate and feed efficiencies.



**Acids and Pathogenci Bacteria** Acidic condition in the digestive tract can prevent the invasion of pathogenic bacteria. Lower pH also favors the growth of lactic acid producing bacteria. Since pathogens and lactic acid producing bacteria compete for nutrients and colonization sites in the digestive tract, lower pH can enhance the lactic acid producing bacteria and reduce the pathogenic bacteria. This condition will benefit animal health relatd characteristics. The following chart clearly illustrates the benefit of lower pH can enhance the lactic acid producing bacteria and reduce the pathogenic bacteria. This condition will benefit animal health related characteristics. The following chart clearly illustrates the benef of lower pH on the reduction of pathogenic bacteria



## **Directions For Use:** *MORACID*

Mix 1-2 kilograms (2-5 pounds) of MorAcid with 1 ton of complete feed.

#### **MORACID SP**

Dissolve 1 kilogram of MorAcid SP in 20 liters of water to make a stock solution. Meter stock solution at a rate of 10 ml per liter of fresh drinking water.



## **Effect of pH on Bacteria Growth**

pH	E. coli	Clostridium	Salmonella	Pasteurella
7.4				
7.0				
6.8				
6.5				
6.4				
6.3				
6.2				
6.0				
5.8				
5.7				
5.4				
5.2				
5.0				
4.8				
4.5				
4.3				
4.0				

Heavy Moderate Light Very Light NVG TOO NUMEROUS TO COUNT APPROX. 1/2 HEAVY APPROX. 1/2 MODERATE VISIBLE GROWTH NO VISIBLE GROWTH Source: Alabama Dept. of Agriculture



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# **Advantages of MorAcid**

- Digestive Enzymes enhancing the activities of digestive enzymes for more efficient digestion of fiber, starch and protein
- Antioxidant preventing the oxidation of feed stuff
- Lower pH favoring feed digestion in the stomach
- Beneficial Bacteria promoting the growth of lactic acid producing bacteria
- Pathogenic Bacteria lowering pH decreases the ability of pathogens to grow
- Feed Utilization better digestion increses feed utilization.

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