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PRYFERM IMPROVES THE FOOT HEALTH OF BROILERS

PRYFERM[®] has long been a reliable source of non-medicated, unidentified growth factors (UGF) for use in feeding poultry and livestock. It is generally recognized to help improve feed efficiency and production. What may not be as widely known is that when feeding **PRYFERM**, poultry litter tends to be drier, an important benefit especially during periods of reduced ventilation.

A broiler producer in the Southeast recently noted that because **PRYFERM 2X** (the most concentrated form of **PRYFERM**) yields drier litter, there is the additional benefit of improved paw condition. Paws are a popular item in the Oriental food industry. Optimizing their sales can enhance profitability, an especially welcome development when poultry prices are low and feed costs are high.

Before including **PRYFERM 2X** in the feeding program, this broiler operation produced only about 15% Grade A paws. After adding 2.5 pounds of **PRYFERM 2X** per ton of feed, Grade A paws increased to 55%. Considering the different prices received for Grades A, B and C paws, this improvement in grade meant additional income of \$14.60 per 1000 broilers. This producer's average delivered cost of **PRYFERM 2X** was \$6.41 per 1000 broilers. The BENEFIT:COST of feeding **PRYFERM 2X** was better than 2.25 to 1, merely from improved paws. The pay-off was even greater, once improved feed efficiency and weight gain are considered.

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