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Summary

Garlic is one of the most common ingredients of several cuisines. No doubt, generation after generation has found garlic to be beneficial for several conditions, both as a preventive measure as well as a curative element.

This study has focused from review point of view on the effect of Garlic on Salmonella and performance of broiler meat. It has been found that Garlic had many benefits; one of them is antibacterial effect on Salmonella.

Salmonellosis is an infectious disease that can effect on broiler and their meat quality that can reflect a health problemes to human and economic loses. Feed additives are important materials that can improve the efficiency of feed utilization and animal performance.

However, the use of chemical products especially those of antibiotics and hormones may cause unfavorable effects. Many attempts in the field of animal nutrition are being done to achieve an increase in animal products and their products.

The possibility of using new natural alternative additives instead of antibiotics and hormones in animal diets is being recently used, some plants, containing various essential oils, have been used as alternative remedies by some workers. One of the most effective plant that can be used for such purposes is Garlic.

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Chapter One

Introduction:-

Broiler chicken meats, the most accepted white meat. The increased in domesticated populations used due to decreased of period which about 4-16 week and lead to increase on the demand of chickens meat due to the ability of commercial form and hatchery to produce any numbers in any time of year.

The above-mentioned broilers and meat are the end products of the following genetic steps and is very important for human consumption. Broilers were reared for 35 days to reach a standard weight and quality of meat but infection with diseases like Salmonellosis will affect the weight and quality and cause heavy economic lose.

Salmonellosis is a major foodborne pathogenic bacterium and its important problem in poultry during the disease which causes and state poisoning which occur in human due to consumption the

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meat and eggs contaminated by it. Its infected chickens and cause heavy mortality so that many antibiotics and plant additives or probiotics were used for prevention of the salmonellosis. In this study we focus on the use of feed additives Garlic. We investigate the direct effects of this plant on the salmonella and performance of broilers meats.

2.literature review:-

2.1. The History Of The Plant:-

Medicinal plants have been used for centuries and have become part of complementary medicine worldwide because of their potential health benefits (Gomez-Flores *et al.*, 2008).

The medicinal value of these plants depends on bioactive phytochemical constituents that produce definite physiological action in the human and animal body, some of the most important bioactive phytochemical constituents include alkaloids, flavonoids, phenolics, essential oils and saponins (Krishnaiah *et al.*, 2009).

Feed additives are important materials that can improve the efficiency of feed utilization and animal performance. However, the use of chemical products especially those of antibiotics and hormones may cause unfavourable effects. Many attempts in the field of animal nutrition are being done to achieve an increase in animal products and thereby profit (Abdou, 2001). The possibility of using new natural alternative additives instead of antibiotics and hormones in animal diets is being recently used, some plants, containing various essential oils, have been used as alternative remedies by some workers (Ceylan *et al.*, 2003).

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Recently, medicinal and aromatic plants have received much attention in several fields such as agroalimentary, perfumes, pharmaceutical industries and natural cosmetic products (Khorasaninejad *et al.*, 2010).

Several investigators reported that using medicinal and aromatic plants (MAP) in broiler diets improved body weight, body weight gain, feed conversion efficiency and reduce the cost of feed (Azouz, 2001; Tucker, 2002; Alcicek *et al.*, 2004; Osman *et al.*, 2004 and Abdel-Azeem, 2006).

Among *Allium* species *Allium sativum* L., *Allium cepa* L. and *Allium porrum* L. have been cultivated since ancient times as vegetables and characteristic pungent flavouring agents for food but also for their pharmaceutical properties. The use of garlic, onion and leek is well documented by the Egyptians, Greeks and Romans. In the Middle ages Constantinus Africanus, Hildegard von Bingen, Albertus Magnus and many others mentioned the plants in their medicinal books [Sendl, 1995].

However, scientific investigations started only 200 years ago. One of the earliest studies was performed in 1844 by the German chemist Wertheim, who obtained some strongly

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smellingsubstances named as allyl derivatives (from Allium) and sulphurlallyl derivatives [Wertheim,1844].

During the 19th and the 20th century scientific work on garlic extraction and identificationof many constituents has been performed. In recent years most investigations aimed atstandardisation of the active principles in pharmaceutical preparations. Further research work isstill needed to elucidate and quantify the active principles including pharmacokinetics and metabolism [Sendl, 1995].

Garlic used in Europe comes from Spain, Hungary, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Italy and France.Large amounts are cultivated in China, India, Egypt and Japan. In America the main producers ofgarlic are Mexico, Argentina and the United States, especially California.

It requires fertile, sandy, clay soil. The climate should be warm, sunny, not to windy or rainy. Garlic is vegetativelypropagated because of its sterility which precludes plant breeding in orderto obtain higher amounts of constituents [Sendl, 1995].

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2.2. Description Of The Plants:-

Garlic is a bulbous perennial plant. A wild species of garlic is probably *A. longicuspis* REGEL, which grows wild in southwestern Asia. The bulb, which is commonly used for food flavouring, has 5-8 cm in diameter and is composed of several single bulblets (6-20) also known as cloves. The bulb varies slightly in shape, colour and flavour depending on variety and growing conditions. The foliage comprises a central stem up to 100 cm with erected flat or keeled leaves. The white, pink or purple flowers are arranged at the top of the stem.

2.3. Scientific Classification:-

Kingdom: [Plantae](#)
Clade: [Angiosperms](#)
Clade: [Monocots](#)
Order: [Asparagales](#)
Family: [Amaryllidaceae](#)
Subfami: [Allioideae](#)
Genus: [Allium](#)
Species: *A. sativum*

[Binomial name](#)

Allium sativum



2.4. Chemical Structure Of The Garlic and Related Herbs:-

Garlic (*Allium sativum* L.) has been widely used as a foodstuff since antiquity. It has acquired a reputation as a therapeutic agent and herbal remedy in many cultures to prevent and treat heart and metabolic diseases, such as atherosclerosis, thrombosis, hypertension, dementia, cancer, and diabetes (Tyler 1993). Garlic and shallots (*Allium ascalonicum*) have antioxidant and free radical-scavenging characteristics and identifiable odors at low concentrations. They contain 2 main classes of antioxidant compounds: flavonoids (flavones and quercetins) and sulfur-containing compounds (allyl-cysteine, diallyl sulfide, and allyl trisulfide).

The sulfur-containing amino acid derivative, alliin (S-allyl-L-cysteine sulfoxide), can be converted into allicin (diallyl disulfide-S-oxide), the compound commonly associated with garlic odor, by the enzyme alliinase. Thiosulfonates, such as allicin, give garlic its characteristic odor; however, they are not necessarily responsible for all of the various antioxidative and health benefits attributed to it (Amagase 2006). Okada and others (2005) have suggested that a combination of the allyl group

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(CH₂CH=CH₂) and the –S(O)S– group is necessary for the antioxidant action of thiosulfinates in garlic extracts. S-allylcysteine, S-allylmercaptocysteine, and nonsulfur compounds, such as saponins, may contribute to the health benefits (hypolipidemic, antiplatelet, procirculatory, immune enhancement, anticancer, and chemopreventive activities) associated with garlic.

Gorinstein and others (2008) reported that trans-hydroxycinnamic acid (caffeic, p-coumaric, ferulic, and sinapic acids) concentrations in garlic were twice that in onions.

The antioxidative effects of shallots are related primarily to their phenol content (Leelarungrayub and others 2006). According to Nuutila and others (2003), methanol extracts of onions have significantly higher radical-scavenging activities than garlic and red onion has higher activity than yellow onion. Quercetin content is highest in red onions (Gorinstein and others 2008). The radical scavenging activities are positively correlated with the total phenolics in these extracts.

2.5. Active ingredient of Garlic

Evidence of several investigations suggests that the biological and medical function of Garlic mainly due to their high organosulphur compounds content (Amagas, 2006). The primary sulphur compounds constituents in this vegetable is the S-alk(en)yl-L-cysteine sulphoxides (ACSOS) such as alliin and γ -glutamylcysteines which besides to serve as important storage peptides or biosynthetic intermediates for corresponding (ACSOS) from which and by different metabolic pathways in each

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vegetable, volatile, such as allicin and lipid-soluble sulphur compound, such as diallylsulphide (DAS) diallyl disulphide (DADS) and other are originated (Lancaster and Shaw, 1989). These compounds provide to Garlic their characteristic odour and flavor as well as most of their biological properties (Lazotti, 2006). Non volatile water soluble sulphur compounds found in garlic as S-allylcysteine (SAC) (Amagas et al 2001) are also responsible for a great part of the health benefits of this vegetables. The biological effect of additional constituents of intact garlic, such as lectins, prostaglandins, fructanpectinadenosine, Vit, B1, B2, B6 C and E, Biotin, nicotin C and D, fatty acid, glycolipids, phospholipids, and essential amino acids have been studied for over several decades (Lazotti, 2006). And important pharmacological activities and biological such as antifungal, antibacterial, antitumor, anti-inflammatory, antithrombotic, and hypocholesterolemic properties of certain steroid, saponins and saponin such as B-chlorogenicin (Lazotti, 2006)

2.6. Pharmaceutical Plants And Their Effects:-

Pharmaceutical plants have been commonly used by humans long ago and the consumption rate has changed based on the occasion and the requirement of the time. In recent years, Iranians and other people from around the world have shown a tremendous interest in these plants as a way to cure their illnesses. Today, there have been several attempts to develop these plants and their derivatives because the ever-increasing usage of the chemical drugs has led to serious problems and created resistant types of insensitive micro-organisms, while herbal drugs bring about fewer side effects because

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the biological balance. The herbal extracts are either used alone as the drug itself or constitute a part of the drug.

Most essential oils consist of mixtures of compounds such as phenolics and polyphenols, terpenoids, saponins, quinines, esters, flavones, flavonoids, tannins, alkaloids and nonvolatile residues; and their chemical composition and concentration of compounds is variable. These components have many effects as antimicrobial, stimulating animal digestive systems, antioxidants, anticoccidial, increase production of digestive enzymes and improve utilization of digestive products by enhancing liver functions (Hernandez et al., 2009).

There have been some studies on the antifungal activity of plant extracts (Wilson et al., 1997), inhibitory effects of aqueous extracts of garlic and onion (Shams et al., 2003), antimicrobial effects of garlic, ginger and lime (Onyeagba et al., 2004), antibacterial and antifungal activity of Senecio (Loizze et al., 2004), antimicrobial activity of garlic and onion extracts (Elnima et al., 1983) and effects of aromatic plants essential oils, lime and garlic skin on birds intestinal bacteria (Davis et al., 1994). Plant extracts represent a rich potential source of alternative and environmentally acceptable control agents for infectious organisms due to their antimicrobial properties. Plants possess essential oils, which could be utilized for killing microorganisms.

Naturally occurring biologically active compounds from plants are generally assumed to be more acceptable and less hazardous than synthetic compounds and represent a rich source of potential disease-control agents.

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Understanding of plant biochemistry, physiology and chemistry of natural products have shown that the secondary metabolites may be used to control infectious organisms to overcome the earlier mentioned problems associated with synthetic chemicals (De laquis and Mazza, 2008). As a result, increased interest is being shown in developing alternative methods for microbial contamination control to reduce or eliminate reliance on synthetic pesticides. One of such methods involves the use of plant-derived products such as plant essential oils that have antimicrobial effect.

Historically, plants have served as a useful resource for the development of novel drugs against human and animal diseases. Plants produce a wide array of compounds, most of which as a defense mechanism against predation by pathogenic microorganisms and insects. Several plant compounds form dietary constituents as well as active components in a number of herbal and traditional medicines. In recent years, the use of natural compounds has gained attention due to increasing concerns over the safety of synthetic chemicals and emerging antibiotic resistance in bacteria. The antimicrobial properties of several plant-derived essential oils have been previously reported, and a variety of active ingredients have been identified.

2.7. Salmonella SPP.:-

Salmonellosis is an infectious disease caused by any serotype of Salmonella and this is divided into three groups:

A: host-adapted which includes:

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1-Salmonella pullorum causes white bacillary disease

2- Salmonella gallinarum causes fowl typhoid

B:in-vasive serotypes:

These infect intestine and migrates to visceral organs like liver, spleen, heart, kidneys or blood causing septicemia and this includes:

1-Salomonella typhimorium

2-Salmonella enteritidis

These serotypes cause acute infections with high mortality in birds and cause food poisoning to human through infected meat or eggs consumption and also during contacts with sick birds.

C: Non-invasive serotypes.

These serotypes infect intestines of birds and cause subacute infections bwith a different mortality. On the other hands, cause food poisoning to human via meat and eggs consumptions.

There are more than 200 serotypes in this group, most of them were isolated from poultry in Iraq like:

1-Salmonella hader

2-Salmonella Virchow

3-Salmonella Thompsopn

4-Salmonella Kedouqon

5-Salomonella London

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6- Salmonella heidelberg

7-salmonella Newport

8-Slmonella Copenhagen

Etc.....until 200 or more serotypes.

Prevalence of Salmonella infection has increased markedly in both humans and domestic animals. Probably as a consequence of the extensive use of antibiotics surveillance networks have indicated that the incidence of human Salmonella food poisoning caused by antimicrobial resistant Salmonella is rising in many countries. In present, the anti-Salmonella spp. properties of plant extract/essential oils from a variety of plant have been assessed.

It is clear from these studies that these secondary plant metabolites have potential as alternative antibacterial in food conservation. The phenolic compounds are most active and appear to act principally as membrane permeabilisers. In addition, consumers are also demand for food preservation from natural source. Therefore, the incorporating plant extracts in or onto food packaging materials to against foodborne pathogen, especially Salmonella spp., is of increasing interest.

Salmonella spp., facultatively anaerobic gram-negative rod-shaped bacteria (Krieg & Holt, 1984), is one of the most important food borne pathogens. If present in food, the bacteria do not affect the taste, smell or appearance of the food. Frequent hand washing, throwing out expired food, avoid eating raw or undercooked eggs, meats, seafood or poultry are the key to preventing Salmonella food poisoning. Antibiotics (such as ampicillin,

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chloramphenicol, streptomycin, sulfonamides and tetracycline) may be prescribed for moderate to severe cases of Salmonella food poisoning or when it occurs in a person who is at risk for complications.

At 2% level than those containing garlic and rosemary extracts ($P < 0.05$). Incorporation of garlic oil up to 0.4% v/v in alginate film, the clear zone of inhibition was not observed with *S. typhimurium*. However, incorporation of garlic oil at higher than 0.1% v/v revealed a weak inhibitory effect, indicated by minimal growth underneath film discs (Pranoto et al., 2005).

2.8. Mechanisms of Garlic (*Allium sativum*) As Antibacterial Agent:-

Feed supplements with growth promoting activity increase stability of feed and beneficially influence the gastrointestinal ecosystem mostly through growth inhibition of pathogenic microorganism's growth. Due to improved health status of digestive system, animals are less exposed to the toxins of microbiological origin. Consequently herbs and spices help to increase the resistance of the animals exposed to different stress situations and increase the absorption of essential nutrients, thus improving the growth of the animals (Windisch et al., 2008).

Numerous secondary metabolites formed by plants serve as defence agents against physiological and environmental stressors, predators and pathogenic microorganisms. Several in vitro studies showed strong antimicrobial activity of certain plant extracts against Gram- and Gram+ bacteria. Pasqa et al.

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(2006) found a change in long chain fatty acid profile in the membranes of *E. coli* grown in the presence of limonene or cinnamaldehyde. Similar observations were made with *Salmonella enterica* grown in the presence of carvacrol or eugenol and with *Bronchotrux thermosphacta* grown in the presence of either limonene, cinnamaldehyde, carvacrol or eugenol. In the case of *Pseudomonas fluorescens* and *Staphylococcus aureus* none of the tested phytochemicals changed the fatty acid profile. The changes in fatty acid composition can affect the surviving ability of microorganisms.

Garlic (*Allium sativum*) has traditional dietary and medicinal applications as an anti-infective agent (Ross et al., 2001). Distributed and used in all parts of the world as a spice and herbal medicine for the prevention and treatment of a variety of diseases, ranging from infections to heart diseases (Rivlin, 2001).

Garlic is thought to have various pharmacologic properties and medical applications. It is mainly consumed as a condiment in various prepared foods (Amagase et al., 2001). Garlic is a strong antibacterial agent and acts as an inhibitor on both Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria including such species as *Escherichia*, *Salmonella*, *Streptococcus mutans*, *Porphyromonas gingivalis*, *Staphylococcus*, *Klebsiella*, *Proteus* and *Helicobacter pylori* (Ankri and Mirelman, 1999; Bakri and Douglas, 2005; Reuter et al., 1996).

The main antimicrobial constituent of garlic has been identified as the oxygenated sulphur compound, thio-2-propene-1-sulfinic acid S-allyl ester, which is usually referred to as allicin. Allicin is produced catalytically when garlic cloves are crushed and the enzyme allinase (alliin lyase E.C. 4.4.1.4) of

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the bundle sheath cells mixes with its substrate, alliin, which is released from mesophyll cells (Miron et al., 2000; Curtis et al., 2004).

Allicin is one of the principal compounds of freshly crushed garlic homogenates, is a volatile molecule that is poorly miscible in aqueous solutions, liquid, responsible for the pungent smell of garlic and is chemically an unstable and highly reactive molecule. Allicin is a short-lived molecule, this rather unstable compound has been suggested by Lawson and coworkers to transform rapidly into secondary products (in vivo) such as allyl-mercaptan and others (Koch and Lawson 1996; Lawson and Wang, 1993).

The anti-microbial effect is due to the chemical reaction of the allicin with the thio groups of several enzymes such as RNA Polymerase, by delaying and inhibiting DNA, RNA and protein synthesis (Ankri and Mirelman, 1999; Feldberg et al., 1988)

The search for new antibacterial agents associated with specific plant families should be continued, and recent focus has shifted to determining the antimicrobial activity of plant extracts used in folk medicine (Rios and Recio, 2005). The screening of plant extracts and plant products for antimicrobial activity has shown that higher plants are a potential source of novel antibiotic substitutes (Rios and Recio, 2005).

Although much has been reported on the medicinal properties of garlic and allicin (Ali et al., 2000; Ankri and Mirelman, 1999; Singh et al., 1998), not much is known about its proteinaceous constituents (Terras et al., 1993; Van Damme et al., 1993). Lixin and Ng (2005) has isolated an antifungal

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protein from garlic, designated alliumin, with a molecular mass of 13 kDa. Alliumin presents antifungal activity against *Mycosphaella arachidicola*, inhibitory activity to the bacterium *Pseudomonas fluorescences* and exerted antiproliferative activity toward leukemia L1210 cells (Lixin and Ng, 2005).

2.9. Various Garlic Preparations:-

Various garlic preparations have been shown to exhibit a wide spectrum of antibacterial activity against Gram-negative and Gram-positive bacteria including such species as *Escherichia*, *Salmonella*, *Streptococcus*, *Staphylococcus*, *Klebsiella*, *Proteus*, and *Helicobacter pylori* (Ankri and Mirelman, 1999; Small et al., 1947). Even acid-fast bacteria such as *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* are sensitive to garlic (Uchida et al., 1975).

Salmonella serovars was chosen as the Gram-negative model organism, as it is one of the major human pathogens and food poisoning cases (Reed, 1993). It's well demonstrated that *Salmonella* can disseminate and survive in various environmental niches for a long period of time. They are pervasive in nature and many contaminate animals, vegetables, water and especially food during its production and distribution (Davies and Wray, 1996).

The growth of aerobic mesophilic bacteria on chicken carcasses cooled in cooling water containing selected concentrations of garlic extract. The initial assays for aerobic mesophiles provided no significant differences in microbial growth among the selected garlic extract concentrations in the cooling water.

2.10. Salmonella SP. In Chicken Feed And On Poultry Carcasses:-

Garlic extract did not effectively inhibit the growth of *Salmonella* sp. The lack of detectable numbers of *Salmonella* sp. on chicken carcasses immersed in cooling water containing 15% garlic extract does not assure the absence of contaminating *Salmonella* sp. The observed ineffectiveness of garlic extract to inhibit the growth of *Salmonella* sp. in this experiment are contradictory to the results reported by Kumar and Berwal (1998) that concentrations of 10% garlic extract in “in vitro” experiments were sufficient to inhibit *Salmonella* growth. The decrease of the inhibiting effect of garlic extract on *Salmonella* sp. growth may be related to adaptation of *Salmonella* sp. to the presence of the specific inhibiting activity of the garlic extract. Zaika and Kissinger (1981) reported that lactic cultures developed adaptation mechanisms against the inhibitory effects of selected spices.

In conclusion, the results presented suggest that there are disinfectant benefits to adding garlic extract to the cooling tank water in poultry processing facilities to reduce the bacterial load in the cooling water and inhibit cross contamination within the poultry processing facility, both promoting and extending a longer and safer refrigerated shelf life for chicken carcasses.

3-Recommendations

- 1- Preparation of suitable houses for rearing of chickens in the college.
- 2- Offering laboratory facilities for isolation and identification of Salmonella.
- 3- Offering machines and suitable clean room for mixing of Garlic in feed.
- 4- Offering the project loan and cost for experiments for the researchers and student projects.

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الخلاصة

تبين من المعلومات المدونة عن الثوم بأنه يحتوي على مكونات مهمة لها دور كبير في التأثير على صحة الطيور وزيادة استهلاك العلف والتقليل من عدد البكتريا المرضية وخاصة السالمونيلا وتبين ايضا ان السالمونيلا بانماطها المصلية التي تقارب 200 نمط مصلي بالدواجن لها تأثير كبير على صحة الطيور وارتفاع الهلاكات ومنها مايسبب التسمم الغذائي للانسان مثل *s.enteritis.salmonella typhimurium* وانماط اخرى وتبين ان فروج اللحم الذي يجهز الانسان باللحوم البيضاء والجيدة وسريعة النمو والتحويل الغذائي يحتاج الى اضافة اجراءات وقائية مختلفة ضد الامراض ومنها مرض السالمونيلا من خلال التأثير المباشر على الاصابة بهذه البكتريا لذلك نوصي بوضع الثوم بالعلف بنسب مقبولة لاتؤثر على نوعية اللحوم وتفي بالغرض.