

FERMENTATIVE PROFILE AND NUTRITIONAL VALUE OF OLIVE BAGASSE SILAGE WITH FEED ADDITIVES

PERFIL FERMENTATIVO E VALOR NUTRICIONAL DA SILAGEM DE BAGAÇO DE AZEITONA COM ADITIVOS ALIMENTARES

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ABSTRACT: The aim of this study was to measure the chemical composition, microbiological profile, fermentative characteristics and the aerobic stability of the olive bagasse silages *in natura* and added with corn bran, soybean and rice bran in different times of sampling. The was completely randomized design in arrangement of plots subdivided in 4x3 time, with five replications. In the plots were allocated the main treatments, and in the subplots the sampling times were allocated. The fermentative characteristics was studied by determination of the dry matter (DM) content, pH and ammoniacal nitrogen (NH₃-N), the microbiological by determining the populations of filamentous fungi, *Clostridia*, lactic acid bacteria and enterobacteria. In the nutrient profile study, the contents of mineral matter (MM), organic matter (OM), crude protein (CP), ether extract (EE), neutral detergent fiber (NDF), acid detergent fiber (ADF), lignin, cellulose, hemicellulose, nitrogen bound to acid detergent fiber (NIDA), nitrogen bound to neutral detergent fiber (NIDN), carbohydrate and total digestible nutrient (TDN). At the ensilage moment, it also has been determined *in vitro* dry matter digestibility (IVDMD) and *in vitro* digestibility of organic matter (IVDOM). The use of corn and rice bran provided a better fermentative profile in the studied ensilage. The pH of the silages added corn and rice bran has presented in 4.00 and 4.06 after 112 storage days, consequently. The adding of soybean bran provided the greatest CP values and non-fibrous carbohydrates (NFC) after the fermentative period, been it 131.55 g kg⁻¹ of DM for CP and 176.28 g kg⁻¹ of DM for NFC. The treatments without bran adding and rice bran added have demonstrated IVDOM levels of 581.12 g ka⁻¹ od DM and 604.51 g kg⁻¹ of DM, consequently. The studied meals improve the nutritional profile of the studied silages and are potentially usable as additives in olive bagasse silages.

KEYWORDS: Byproduct. Ruminants. Nutritional value. Silage.

INTRODUCTION

In the industrial processing of olives to obtain the oil there is intense generation of residues with potential of environmental contamination, estimated at 800 kg for 1000 kg of processed olives (ALCAIDE; RUIZ, 2008). Of these, approximately 500 kg is equivalent to an aqueous residue and 300 kg is equivalent to a semi-solid residue, called olive bagasse (NIAOUNAKIS; HALVADAKIS, 2006).

In nutritional characterization, the olive bagasse was considered of low nutritional value (NASOPOULOU; ZABETAKIS, 2013), compared in terms of energy and protein to that of other cultural residues. However, olive cultivation adapts to regions with low annual rainfall and critical

temperatures (ABAZI et al., 2012), in which livestock activities with ruminants can also be developed. In these situations, due to the soil and climatic conditions unfavorable to forage growth in certain periods of the year, livestock systems pass annually for critical periods in the feeding of animals, with losses to cattle ranchers.

With the use of olive bagasse, in addition to the reduction of animal feed costs to cattle ranchers (NASOPOULOU; ZABETAKIS, 2013) and waste treatment to agroindustries (OMAR et al., 2012). The livestock production systems would become more sustainable by the less dependence of traditional and expensive food systems that include noble foods and for potential human consumption (NASOPOULOU; ZABETAKIS, 2013). The

moderate inclusion of olive bagasse in ruminant diets may be an advantage for reducing methane emissions (KONDO et al., 2014), with limitations in diets in 100 g kg⁻¹ of DM (JAYANEGARA et al., 2011).

However, this by-product has its production concentrated in only one season of the year, with the need for storage in the property. This is hampered by the high moisture content of the material, but it can be accomplished by ensilage. This alternative is accessible and economical (SANSOUCY et al., 1985) when applied to the conservation of agroindustrial by-products (MOKHTARPOUR et al., 2012).

The ensilage preserves the food by anaerobic fermentation with the reduction of the pH of the ensiled mass. However, in order to be safe, it requires the presence of soluble carbohydrates, low buffer capacity and dry matter content in the materials to be ensiled between 300 g kg⁻¹ and 350 g kg⁻¹ (MCDONALD et al., 1991). Olive bagasse does not have these characteristics (SANSOUCY et al., 1985), but this absence can be overcome with the use of food additives (NERES et al., 2013). However, as the interaction between residues and additives can be very dynamic within the silos during the biochemical processes of ensilage, the nutritional characterization of the material obtained should proceed after the fermentation (AZEVEDO et al., 2011).

In this sense, the objective of this study was to evaluate the fermentation, nutritional value, populations of microorganisms and the aerobic stability of olive bagasse silages *in natura* or additived with corn, soybean and rice bran.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

The experiment was carried at TECNOLIVAS® Indústria/Pomares located in the municipality of Caçapava do Sul, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil and at the Animal Nutrition Lab of Unipampa - Uruguaiiana Campus, located at latitude: 29 ° 45 '17 "S and longitude: 57 ° 05' 18" W, at an altitude of 66 m. It was used a completely randomized design in arrangement of plots 4x3 with five repetitions. In the plots, the silages studied were: silage bagasse *in natura* (Bagasse) or added with corn (Bagasse + corn), soybean (Bagasse + soybean) and rice (Bagasse + rice) and the sampling times at the subplots: In the moment of ensilage (Ensilage), at 112 days after ensiling (Aperture) and after seven days of aerobic exposure (Stability).

Aiming to product silages with DM of 330 g kg⁻¹, the mixtures were prepared based on the natural matter in the ratio of 93 parts of fresh bagasse to seven parts of bran, based on the contents of DM determined in an oven (Table 1).

Table 1. Chemical composition of olive bagasse *in natura* and additives used in the treatments.

Variables	Additives used in the composition of silages			
	<i>In natura</i> olive bagasse	Rice bran	Soybean bran	Corn bran
Dry matter (g kg ⁻¹)	289.53	862.92	833.50	886.33
Mineral matter*	32.60	109.94	67.91	11.56
Organic matter*	965.42	890.12	932.13	988.53
Crude protein*	50.54	126.33	450.32	88.74
Neutral detergent fiber*	602.51	248.22	270.66	99.95
Acid detergent fiber*	562.41	137.63	122.86	54.43
Ether extract*	242.72	183.21	33.97	41.43
Lignin*	355.75	53.87	23.04	29.12
Total carbohydrate*	672.26	580.63	447.96	858.45
Non-fibrous carbohydrates*	120.93	332.43	177.34	758.52
Fibrous carbohydrates*	553.12	248.25	270.68	99.97

* Variables expressed on the basis of dry matter.

The mixtures were homogenized manually and conditioned in experimental silos made with polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipes 50 cm high and 10 cm in diameter. In each silo was added 3,900 kg of the mixture, equivalent to a silage density of 900 kg m⁻³. The silos were sealed with caps equipped with *Bunsen* type valves for the free escape of the gases

fixed with the aid of adhesive tape. For the drainage of the effluent produced, 0.5 kg of dried and autoclaved sand, insulated by a cotton cloth, was conditioned at the bottom of each silo.

The temperature of the silages during the first week of fermentation was measured with a spit-type thermometer inserted inside the silos by means

of a rubber valve coupled to the silos. In the silos unloaded after 112 days, the upper and lower portions of each silo were discarded (5 cm), with posterior homogenization and sampling of the remaining silage to study the fermentation profile, microbiological, bromatological and aerobic stability of the silages. The fermentative characteristics was studied by determination of dry matter, pH and ammoniacal nitrogen, been the previous item determined in relation to the total nitrogen ($\text{NH}_3\text{-N/TN}$) in the ensilage, at 112 days of fermentation and at the aerobic stability.

To accomplish the study of aerobic stability, a 350 g silage sample was submitted to air exposure and had its pH and temperature values monitored daily for seven days. On the seventh day after the exposure of the material to air, bromatological and microbiological analysis were accomplished and the fermentative profile regarding to the stability of the silages was studied. The temperature of the silages and the environment was measured with a digital spit-type thermometer while pH was determined according to Silva and Queiroz (2009). The time taken by the silages to demonstrate temperature rise in 1°C over the environment temperature was considered as an aerobic stability break (DRIEHUIS et al., 2001) and/or pH rising in 0,2 unites of pH relating to opening of the silos.

The pre-drying was determined in samples of 300 g, by drying in oven with forced circulation of air under a temperature of 55°C for 72 hours. The pH and $\text{NH}_3\text{-N}$ were determined in independent samples according to Silva and Queiroz (2009) and Bolsen et al. (1992), respectively.

The chemical composition was determined in the samples after obtaining the DM and milling in mill of Willey type knives with stainless steel chamber and sieve, with 1mm mesh. It was determined the dry matter correction at 105°C and the contents of organic matter (OM), mineral matter (MM), crude protein (CP), ether extract (EE) (SILVA; QUEIROZ, 2009), neutral detergent fiber (NDF), acid detergent fiber (ADF), lignin, cellulose and hemicellulose (VAN SOEST et al., 1991). Fractions of carbohydrates were estimated according to Sniffen et al. (1992).

The microbiological profile was studied through the determination of the microbial populations, according to Silva et al. (2007). After collection of samples these were homogenized and diluted in the proportion of 10 g to 90 mL of peptone water, obtaining a dilution of 10^1 until 10^8 . Afterwards, the samples were inoculated in selective culture media. For the growth and counting of filamentous fungi and yeasts was used the Potato

Dextrose Agar media, maintaining the plates at room temperature for 5 to 7 days. For the *Lactobacillus* developing was used the *Lactobacillus* MRS Broth media in the oven at 35°C for 48 hours, for the Enterobacteria developing the media Violet Red Bile Agar (Oxford) maintained at 35°C for 72 hours, for the *Clostridium* developing was used the Reinforced Clostridial Agar media, maintained at 35°C for 72 hours in anaerobic chamber. After the incubation period, colony forming units (CFU) that had between 30-300 CFU per Petri dish were counted, and the results were expressed as \log_{10} CFU g^{-1} of DM (MCDONALD et al., 1991).

For statistical data analysis, these were submitted to variability analysis and when the meaningfulness was stablished, the rate was compared according to Tukey test (5%) with complex variance adoption due to subdivided plots, with the digestibility, pH and temperature data exception. The digestibility data were submitted to the variability analysis and when the meaningfulness was noticed, the rate was compared according to Tukey test (5%). The pH and temperature data during the seven days aerobic stability were analyzed by the regression analysis, been linear and quadratic models tested. The chosen models was based in determination coefficients (R^2) and meaningfulness level (to a 5% level) of the regression coefficients. All the analyses were carried out on Sisvar Statistic Program (FERREIRA, 2011).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The additives increased the DM content of the mixtures and silages at the opening of the silos and after exposure to air (Table 2). In the ensiling, the olive bagasse presented DM content lower than that recommended by McDonald et al. (1991) which is 300 g kg^{-1} at 350 g kg^{-1} to provide adequate fermentation within the silo. During fermentation due to the production of effluents and after exposure to air due to loss of humidity to the environment, it was observed elevation in DM content (Table 2).

The addition of the rice bran increased the MM in the silages where it was added (Table 2), due to its content of MM (Table 1) and the amount of silica (VALADARES FILHO et al., 2006). The values of MM in *in natura* bagasse silage are consistent with those reported by Nefzaoui (1991), who found values between 30 and 50 g kg^{-1} .

The EE in the silages was diluted with the inclusion of the additives in relation to the *in natura* olive bagasse silage (Table 2). The variations during

fermentation and after exposure to the air indicate that there was a great dynamics in the fermentative processes inside the silos, however, they do not characterize a disadvantage. Niaounakis and Halvadakis (2006) cite the EE content of olive bagasse (essentially lipids and polyphenols) as a barrier to anaerobic degradation thereof, which in the ensiling process could be characterized as a positive aspect for preservation of the ensiled mass.

This advantage could be observed in this study, where even with the dynamics observed for

the EE contents in the silages, through the fermentation process and the discrete changes in the OM contents (Table 2) indicate the non-occurrence of their degradation. This fact, together with the pH values obtained (Table 2), with the characteristic odor of well-fermented silages at the opening of the silos indicates the non-occurrence of decay of the ensiled mass.

Table 2. Chemical composition and pH values in silage from olive bagasse with feed additives in ensilage, at 112 days of ensiling and after seven days of aerobic exposure

Silages	Times			Average	Times			Average
	Ensilage	Opening	Stability		Ensilage	Opening	Stability	
	Dry Matter (g kg ⁻¹)				Mineral Matter (g kg ⁻¹ of dry matter)			
Bagasse	289.51Bc	300.51Bc	323.03Ac	304.35	32.68Bb	35.83Ac	33.30BAc	33.94
Bagasse+Corn	323.53Cba	404.60Ba	451.65Aa	393.26	30.86Ab	23.21Cd	26.52Bd	26.86
Bagasse+Soybean	306.10Ccb	350.05Bb	370.26Ab	342.14	44.67Aa	44.11Ab	44.45Ab	44.41
Bagasse+Rice	339.00Ba	370.04Ab	388.03Ab	365.69	43.79Ba	47.45Aa	48.40Aa	46.55
Average	314.54	356.30	383.24		38.00	37.65	38.17	
CV 1 (%)	2.35				5.29			
CV 2 (%)	3.85				4.52			
	Organic Matter (g kg ⁻¹ of dry matter)				Ether Extract (g kg ⁻¹ of dry matter)			
Bagasse	965.47Aa	962.05Ab	964.02Ab	963.85	242.75Ca	323.92Aa	295.91Ba	287.52
Bagasse+Corn	968.09Ba	975.60Aa	971.50BAa	971.73	197.43Cb	270.49Ab	240.08Bb	236.00
Bagasse+Soybean	953.86Ab	955.89Acb	949.98Ac	953.24	211.42Ab	150.02Bd	119.09Cd	160.18
Bagasse+Rice	956.21Ab	951.05Ac	950.51Ac	952.59	154.10Cc	188.33Ac	174.12Bc	172.18
Average	960.91	961.15	959.00		201.42	233.19	207,30	
CV 1 (%)	0.37				4.21			
CV 2 (%)	0.44				4.00			
	pH							
	Times				Average			
Silages	Ensilage	Opening	Stability					
Bagasse	5.18Ab	4.57Aba	4.71BAb	4.82				
Bagasse+Corn	5.37Aba	4.00Bc	5.57Aa	4.98				
Bagasse+Soybean	5.78Aa	4.98Ba	5.49Aa	5.42				
Bagasse+Rice	5.59Aba	4.06Bbc	4.34Bb	4.67				
Average	5.48	4.40	5.03					
CV 1 (%)				6.64				
CV 2 (%)				6.40				

*Averages followed by the same small letter in the column and capital letter in the line do not differ by the Tukey test (5%); CV 1: coefficient of variation of silages; CV 2: coefficient of variation of the times.

In relation to the pH values (Table 2) only the silages added corn and rice bran had pH values below 4.2; indicative of adequate fermentation to restrict the growth of undesirable microorganisms and food preservation for long periods according to McDonald et al. (1991). The difficulty on the pH reduction can be due to the low carbohydrate content present in the olive bagasse, approximately 100 g kg⁻¹ of DM (NIAOUNAKIS; HALVADAKIS, 2006), this characteristic can be

improved by the addition of high concentration starch bran (VALADARES FILHO et al., 2006), a fermentable substrate for multiplication of lactic acid bacteria (NERES et al., 2013). Another factor that hinders pH reduction in this material is high amount of phenolic compounds present in the olive bagasse (NIAOUNAKIS; HALVADAKIS, 2006), which increase the buffer capacity of the material to be ensiled (MCDONALD et al., 1991) and inhibit the action of lactic acid bacteria during the

fermentation processes inside the silos (RIDWAN et al., 2015).

The addition of the brans increased the CP contents of the silages obtained due to the amount of protein on the brans (VALADARES FILHO et al., 2006), especially with the addition of soybean meal (Table 3). After the fermentation period, all silages reached the minimum CP content of 70 g kg⁻¹ proposed by Van Soest (1994), in relation to the lower limit for survival and multiplication of microorganisms in the ruminal environment. These results suggest the addition of brans as a promising option for improving levels of CP from silages. However, the high levels of NIDN and NIDA observed suggest caution in the use of residues in ruminant diets.

Foods with high NIDA contents such as those obtained with the silages of this study, indicate foods with low protein value, since this fraction does not suffer ruminal or intestinal

degradation and is therefore unavailable for animal use (VAN SOEST, 1994).

The behavior observed for the NH₃-N values at the time of opening of the silos was consistent with the CP levels of the brans used (Table 3), and its increase in relation to the ensilage moment is due to the protein degradation carried out by the proteolytic bacteria whose activity is favored in environments with pH higher than 4.5 (BARON et al., 1986). In this study, the highest values of NH₃-N and pH were observed in the silage added with soybean bran (Table 2, 3). Indicating the development of bacteria, such as those of the *genus Clostridium*, this group of bacteria when breaking the silage proteins, causes an increase in pH and favors the production of butyric acid, a weak acid and indicative of low-quality silage (MCDONALD et al., 1991).

Table 3. Nitrogen constituents in olive bagasse silages with food additives at ensilage, at 112 days of fermentation and after seven days of exposure to air

Silages	Times			Average	Times			Average
	Ensilage	Opening	Stability		Ensilage	Opening	Stability	
	CP (g kg ⁻¹ of dry matter)				NH ₃ -N (g kg ⁻¹ of total nitrogen)			
Bagasse	50.56Bc	76.62Ab	78.30Ac	68.49	1.67Bb	21.85Ac	3.51Ba	9.01
Bagasse+Corn	61.57Bc	76.76Ab	76.39Ac	71.57	0.87Bb	8.33Ad	6.10Aa	5.10
Bagasse+Soybea	190.50Aa	131.55Ba	126.46Ba	149.50	3.96Bb	40.70Aa	3.62Ba	15.98
Bagasse+Rice	98.97Ab	74.22Bb	106.13Ab	93.11	8.52Ba	27.87Ab	5.09Ba	13.83
Average	100.40	89.79	96.82		3.67	24.69	4.58	
CV 1 (%)	6.93				17.94			
CV 2 (%)	9.71				22.74			
	NIDN (g kg ⁻¹ of total nitrogen)				NIDA (g kg ⁻¹ of total nitrogen)			
Bagasse	351.88Bc	414.34BA	450.67Ac	405.63	448.17A	319.07Cb	384.18Bc	383.81
Bagasse+Corn	725.89Aa	483.15Cba	628.90Ba	612.64	457.75A	286.23Bb	423.86Ab	389.28
Bagasse+Soybea	614.85A	535.02Aa	543.72Ab	564.53	424.87Ba	394.06Ba	535.73Aa	451.55
Bagasse+Rice	246.39Cd	534.16Aa	389.74Bc	390.10	271.68B	345.07Ab	337.21Ac	317.99
Average	484.75	491.67	503.26		400.62	336.11	420.25	
CV 1 (%)	9.80				9.37			
CV 2 (%)	12.55				10.23			

*Averages followed by the same small letter in the column and capital letter in the line do not differ by the Tukey test (5%); CP: crude protein; NH₃-N: ammoniacal nitrogen; NIDN: nitrogen bound to neutral detergent fiber; NIDA: nitrogen bound to acid detergent fiber; CV 1: coefficient of variation of silages; CV 2: coefficient of variation of the times.

The population of microorganisms of the *genus Clostridium* in the silages added of soybean bran was similar to the others (Table 6), however, due to the higher availability of substrate, the production of NH₃-N during ensiling was higher (Table 3). Nevertheless regarding to the added soybean bran on silages, due to the low content of soluble carbohydrates present in the olive bagasse (NIAOUNAKIS; HALVADAKIS, 2006) and the higher availability of fermentable protein

compounds, the lactic acid bacteria, which have developed in a similar population in all silages, have used amino acids as a source of energy for microbial growth and release the free ammonia inside the silos (BERNARDES et al., 2005).

The values of the cell wall constituents in the *in natura* olive bagasse silages (Tab. 4) are coherent with the results described in Nefzaoui (1991). In other silages, the changes observed are due to the composition of the brans (Table 1)

(VALADARES FILHO et al., 2006) and are positive for the nutritional quality of the silages.

Table 4. Cell wall constituents in olive bagasse silages with food additives at ensilage, at 112 days of fermentation and after seven days aerobic exposure

Silages	Times			Average	Times			Average
	Ensilage	Opening	Stability		Ensilage	Opening	Stability	
	NDF (g kg ⁻¹ of dry matter)				ADF (g kg ⁻¹ of dry matter)			
Bagasse	602.52Ab	577.24Ab	586.23A	588.66	562.42Aa	555.72Aa	579.27Ab	565.80
Bagasse+Corn	659.72Aa	570.31Bb	631.13A	620.39	447.66Bc	496.60Ab	536.41Ab	493.56
Bagasse+Soybea	606.74Bb	593.67Ba	640.62A	613.68	504.39Bb	575.96Aa	616.91Aa	565.75
Bagasse+Rice	619.72Ab	571.08Bb	629.04A	606.62	547.48Aba	493.55Bb	571.68Ab	537.57
Average	622.17	578.08	621.76		515.49	530.46	576.07	
CV 1 (%)	2.17				3.99			
CV 2 (%)	3.43				5.46			
	Lignin (g kg ⁻¹ of dry matter)				Cellulose (g kg ⁻¹ of dry matter)			
Bagasse	355.71BA	345.51Ba	380.58A	360.60	204.81Aba	182.16Aa	200.49Ab	195.82
Bagasse+Corn	273.97Bb	317.14Ab	333.04A	308.05	157.26Bc	177.77BA	192.29Ab	175.77
Bagasse+Soybea	321.85Ba	336.34Ba	372.85A	343.68	179.93Bcb	206.24Ba	233.33Aa	206.50
Bagasse+Rice	327.28Aa	295.00Bb	327.34A	316.54	217.84BAa	196.92Ba	230.67Aa	215.14
Average	319.70	323.50	353.45		189.96	190.77	214.20	
CV 1 (%)	3.49				9.27			
CV 2 (%)	6.54				8.72			
	Hemicellulose (g kg ⁻¹ of dry matter)							
	Times				Average			
Silages	Ensilage	Opening	Stability	Average	Ensilage	Opening	Stability	Average
Bagasse	42.40Ad	22.39Aa	23.10Ac	29.30	42.40Ad	22.39Aa	23.10Ac	29.30
Bagasse+Corn	200.03Aa	55.19Bba	68.04Bba	107.75	200.03Aa	55.19Bba	68.04Bba	107.75
Bagasse+Soybean	117.08Ab	41.78Bba	36.24Bcb	65.03	117.08Ab	41.78Bba	36.24Bcb	65.03
Bagasse+Rice	80.27Ac	72.25Aa	70.65Aa	74.39	80.27Ac	72.25Aa	70.65Aa	74.39
Average	109.94	47.90	49.51		109.94	47.90	49.51	
CV 1 (%)	23.29				23.29			
CV 2 (%)	28.97				28.97			

*Averages followed by the same small letter in the column and capital letter in the line do not differ by the Tukey test (5%); NDF: neutral detergent fiber; ADF: acid detergent fiber; CV 1: Coefficient of variation of silages; CV 2: Coefficient of variation of the times.

The NDF is a measure of the total insoluble fibers content of the food and is the most used parameter for the balance of ruminant diets (MACEDO JUNIOR et al., 2007). The ADF, because it consists of cellulose and lignin, is indicative of the amount of indigestible material (lignin) or slow digestion the ruminal level (cellulose) (VAN SOEST, 1994). In this study, the NDF decreased in all silages with added bran after the fermentation period due to degradation of hemicellulose by microorganisms as a function of the lower degree of polymerization of these compounds (VAN SOEST, 1994).

Cellulose is formed by long chains of D-glucopyranoses with a high degree of polymerization and high molecular weight (GIGER-REVERDIN, 1995), which makes it difficult to break during fermentative processes inside silos, making it a slightly alterable compound in the silages. The susceptibility to enzymatic hydrolysis by fermenters microorganisms of silages and ruminal is even lower when the linear chains join by hydrogen bonds forming microfibrils with a high

degree of crystallinity or associated with other polymers of the cellulosic matrix (VAN SOEST, 1994).

In olive bagasse, this susceptibility to degradation is conditioned to lignin and lignocellulosic compounds, whose elimination is linger, especially for the reduction of phenolic compounds (DERMECHE et al., 2013). However, the cellulose present in olive bagasse is associated with a high proportion of xylans and other polysaccharides such as arabinose and galactose, making it highly susceptible to hydrolytic action of enzymes (NIAOUNAKIS; HALVADAKIS, 2006) and potentially useful for the production of energy both during the biochemical processes inside the silos and the ruminal level.

The lignin contents were diluted in the silages with the addition of the brans, suggesting a possibility of better use of at ruminal level due to the reduction in the constituent most harmful to the use of the fermentable carbohydrates present in the olive bagasse (DERMECHE et al., 2013).

The hemicellulose has xylan in its composition (SARATALE et al., 2012), whose degradation depends on the action of xylanolytic system, that containing enzymes with different specificities and modes of action. These enzymes are secreted by ruminal microorganisms (VAN SOEST, 1994) and by filamentous fungi (BISWAS et al., 2010), and their action is nutritionally positive, as they promote the break of hemicellulose bonds facilitating subsequent microbial digestion in the rumen (MARTINS et al., 2007). Thus, the observed changes in the hemicellulose contents of the silages are due to the action of xylanases, since, although modest, the growth of filamentous fungi in the ensiled mass was observed (Table 6).

The total carbohydrates (TOHC) were lower in the silage with soybean bran due to the composition of this bran (Table 1) and also showed reduction after fermentation (Table 4) due to the

consumption of non-fibrous carbohydrates (FNC) by the microorganisms for production of organic acids and reduction of pH (Table 2). The changes observed in the NFC (Table 5) in the silages are nutritionally positive, since they are sugars like glucose and fructose and act like reserve for carbohydrates of the plants (starch, fructose and sucrose) (SNIFFEN et al., 1992), therefore with great degradability and great use by the animals (VAN SOEST., 1994). Changes in FC fraction are due to changes in hemicellulose contents (Table 4).

The TDN contents obtained are expressive for silages, since they resemble or exceed values observed in corn silages (DOMINGUES et al., 2012). However, only these high TDN contents do not explain a good nutritional quality silage. Also, the use of additives reduced the contents of TDN, however favored other important characteristics for conservation (Table 2).

Table 5. Carbohydrate and energy fractions (TDN) in olive bagasse silage with food additives in silage, at 112 days of fermentation and stability

Silages	Times			Average	Times			Average
	Ensilage	Opening	Stability		Ensilage	Opening	Stability	
	TC (g kg ⁻¹ of dry matter)				NFC (g kg ⁻¹ of dry matter)			
Bagasse	672.16Ab	561.51Cc	584.32Bc	606.00	120.90Aa	38.62Bc	65.31Bc	74,94
Bagasse+Corn	709.10Aa	628.35Cb	649.25Bb	662.23	134.55Aa	131.59Ab	85.98Bcb	117.37
Bagasse+Soybean	551.95Cc	674.31Ba	699.38Aa	641.88	129.46Ba	176.28Aa	177.76Aa	161.17
Bagasse+Rice	696.83Aa	688.50Aa	658.78Bb	681.37	121.07Ba	186.42Aa	102.50Bb	136.66
Average	657.51	638.17	647.93		126.49	133.23	107.89	
CV 1 (%)		1.27				15.18		
CV 2 (%)		1.47				17.16		
	FC (g kg ⁻¹ of dry matter)				TDN (g kg ⁻¹ of dry matter)			
Bagasse	553.11Aa	525.02Aa	527.18Aa	535.10	638.10Ca	756.50Aa	704.39Ba	699.66
Bagasse+Corn	575.59Aa	497.95Bba	559.27Aa	544.27	592.89Cb	709.12Ab	634.48Bb	645.50
Bagasse+Soybean	423.95Cb	485.78Bb	532.24Aa	480.66	623.32Aa	526.02Bd	419.17Cd	522.83
Bagasse+Rice	582.07Aa	503.58Bba	557.97Aa	547.87	499.30Cc	606.14Ac	525.76Bc	543.73
Average	533.68	503.08	544.17		588.40	649.44	570.95	
CV 1 (%)		2.72				1.80		
CV 2 (%)		3.79				2.54		

*Averages followed by the same small letter in the column and capital letter in the line do not differ by the Tukey test (5%); TC: Total carbohydrate; NFC: Non-fibrous carbohydrates; FC: Fibrous carbohydrates; TDN: Total digestible nutrient; CV 1: Coefficient of variation of silages; CV 2: Coefficient of variation of the times.

The silage added of the rice bran showed higher IVDMD and IVDOM (Table 6). The development stage of the plant during the harvest period may be a possible cause for low digestibility values, perhaps explaining the lower values found in corn and soybean brans added silage, and in the treatment without additives did not differ significantly from the other ones in IVDMD, however, in IVDOM the silage with addition of

soybean bran presented lower levels. The silages with corn and soybean obtained higher NIDN fractions, which may have interfered in microbial synthesis, decreasing energy and protein availability affecting silage digestibility.

Table 6. IVDMD values and IVDOM of olive bagasse silage *in natura* and with additives, in the ensilage period

Treatments	IVDMD (g kg ⁻¹ of dry matter)	IVDOM (g kg ⁻¹ of dry matter)
Bagasse	602.21BA	581.12BA
Bagasse+Corn	547.03B	511.85CB
Bagasse+Soybean	545.42B	508.34C
Bagasse+Rice	625.24A	604.51A
CV(%)	5.82	7.22
<i>P value</i>	0.003	0.002

*Averages followed by the same capital letter in the column do not differ by the Tukey test (5%); CV 1: coefficient of variation of silages. IVDMD - In vitro dry matter digestibility; IVDOM - In vitro digestibility of organic matter.

The microorganisms population has been mainly changed by the study times. The silages demonstrated an increase in the microorganisms population with the fermentation and the aerobic exposure (Table 7). This result confirms that, despite differences in the composition of the studied materials, all provided conditions similar to

microbial growth. Even with the non-reduction of pH below the levels recommended in the silages of the olive bagasse *in natura* or added of soybean bran (Table 2) no significant development of microorganisms of the genus *Clostridium* (Table 7) was observed.

Table 7. Populations of microorganisms (Log₁₀ CFU g⁻¹ of dry matter) in silage from olive bagasse with food additives in ensilage, at 112 days of fermentation and after seven days of exposure to air

Silages	Tempos			Average	Tempos			Average
	Ensilage	Opening	Stability		Ensilage	Opening	Stability	
	Filamentous fungi				Clostridium			
Bagasse	0.50Ca	7.30Ba	9.41Aa	5.74	0.51Ca	3.27Ba	9.19Aa	4.32
Bagasse+Corn	1.74Ca	5.85Ba	9.27Aa	5.62	0.46Ca	7.28Ba	9.19Aa	5.64
Bagasse+Soybean	0.48Ca	7.56Ba	9.45Aa	5.83	1.48Ca	7.52Ba	9.26Aa	6.09
Bagasse+Rice	0.48Ca	6.61Ba	9.88Aa	5.66	0.44Ca	7.55Ba	9.49Aa	5.83
Average	0.80	6.83	9.50		0.72	6.40	9.2887	
CV 1 (%)		24.92				13.19		
CV 2 (%)		18.45				11.36		
	Lactobacillus				Enterobacteria			
Bagasse	0.51Ca	7.25Ba	8.99Aa	5.58	0.51Ca	3.27Ba	8.19Aa	3.99
Bagasse+Corn	0.46Ca	6.34Bb	8.86Aa	5.22	0.46Ca	4.07Ba	8.00Aa	4.18
Bagasse+Soybean	0.48Ca	7.69Ba	9.00Aa	5.73	0.48Ba	1.91Ba	9.32Aa	3.91
Bagasse+Rice	0.44Ca	7.15Bba	9.41Aa	5.66	0.44Ca	3.25Ba	8.75Aa	4.14
Average	0.47	7.11	9.06		0.47	3.12	8.57	
CV 1 (%)		7.87				39.75		
CV 2 (%)		9.63				31.67		

* Averages followed by the same small letter in the column and capital letter in the line do not differ by the Tukey test (5%); CV 2: coefficient of variation of the times.

The lower development of microorganisms of the genus *Clostridium* is, the main microorganisms that deteriorate the silages (MOTA et al., 2011), the better is the quality of the silage. In the olive bagasse silage *in natura*, the poor genus *Clostridium* population is due to the polyphenol content that acts as a barrier to the microbial development (NIAOUNAKIS; HALVADAKIS, 2006) and dry matter content, which remained above 300 g kg⁻¹ (Table 2).

At the evaluation of aerobic stability period during seven days of exposure to air, the pH values of the four treatments were adapted to the different regression models, generating the following equations: Bagasse ($\hat{Y} = 4.24 + 0.004x$); $R^2 = 0.68$, Bagasse + Corn ($\hat{Y} = 3.80 - 0.01x + 0.0002x^2$); $R^2 = 0.88$, Bagasse + Soybean ($\hat{Y} = 4.73 + 0.004x$); $R^2 = 0.62$ and Bagasse + Rice ($\hat{Y} = 3.90 - 0.006x + 0.0001x^2$); $R^2 = 0.67$. The temperatures of 3 treatments were better adjusted to the quadratic model of regression tested, and the following

equations were generated for the different treatments: Bagasse ($\hat{Y} = 16.10 + 0.08x - 0.0004x^2$); $R^2 = 0.75$, Bagasse + Corn ($\hat{Y} = 16.78 + 0.08x - 0.0004x^2$); $R^2 = 0.78$, Bagasse + Soybean ($\hat{Y} = 16.63 + 0.05x - 0.0002$); $R^2 = 0.70$. However, the silage added from the rice bran showed higher representativity in the linear model ($\hat{Y} = 16.49 + 0.04x$); $R^2 = 0.72$, and during the stability a linear increase in the temperature of this treatment of 0.04% was observed at each hour of exposure to air.

The pH is the main factor suppressing the growth of *Clostridium*, especially in values below 4.2. The increase in pH values is a practical indication that silage is being degraded due to degradation of organic acids and production of butyric acid. All the silages studied presented aerobic stability for the temperature until the third day of exposure to air, since at no time did they show elevation of more than 1°C in relation to the environmental temperature.

The results obtained for the silage temperatures also suggest the non-occurrence of bromatological alterations until 72h for all

treatments and until 120h for *in natura* olive bagasse silage, since according to Bernardes et al. (2007), during changes in the aerobic stability of silages, the elevation of temperature would be tied to changes in nutritive value. Therefore, the consumption of these silages after the breakdown of their aerobic stability would negatively affect their performance when provided to the animals.

CONCLUSIONS

The bagasse of olive *in natura* or added of brans can be conserved in the form of silage for use in ruminant diets, since it presents interesting bromatological aspects.

The added silage of the soybean bran provided a greater resistance to the loss of the stability when compared to the others treatments, and until 120 hours of exposure to the air the same did not change in its values of pH and temperature, that would characterize the beginning of its aerobic deterioration.

RESUMO: Objetivou-se mensurar com esse estudo o perfil bromatológico, microbiológico, características fermentativas e a estabilidade aeróbica das silagens de bagaço de azeitona *in natura* e aditivada com os farelos de milho, soja e arroz em diferentes tempos de amostragem. Adotou-se o delineamento inteiramente casualizado em arranjo de parcelas subdivididas no tempo 4x3, com quatro repetições. Nas parcelas foram alocados os tratamentos principais e nas sub parcelas foram alocados os tempos de amostragem. As características fermentativas foram estudadas por meio da determinação do conteúdo de matéria seca (MS), pH e nitrogênio amoniacal (N-NH₃), o microbiológico por meio da determinação das populações de fungos filamentosos, Clostrídeos, bactérias ácido lácticas e enterobactérias. No estudo do perfil nutricional determinou-se os conteúdos de matéria mineral (MM), matéria orgânica (MO), proteína bruta (PB), fibra em detergente neutro (FDN), fibra em detergente ácido (FDA), lignina, celulose, hemicelulose, nitrogênio ligado a fibra em detergente ácido (NIDA), nitrogênio ligado a fibra em detergente neutro (NIDN), teores de carboidratos e nutrientes digestíveis totais (NDT). No momento da ensilagem também determinou-se a digestibilidade *in vitro* da matéria seca (IVDMD) e da matéria orgânica (IVDOM). O uso dos farelos de milho e arroz proporcionou melhor perfil fermentativo nas silagens estudadas. O pH das silagens adicionadas de farelo de milho e arroz apresentou-se em 4,00 e 4,06 após os 112 dias de armazenamento, consequentemente. A adição do farelo de soja proporcionou os maiores valores de PB e carboidratos não fibrosos (CNF) após o período fermentativo, sendo de 131,55 g/kg de MS para PB e 176,28 g/kg de MS para CNF. Os tratamentos sem adição de farelo e adicionado do farelo de arroz apresentaram teores de DIVMO de (581,12 g/kg de MS) e (604,51 g/kg de MS), consequentemente. Os farelos estudados melhoram o perfil nutricional das silagens avaliadas e são potencialmente utilizáveis como aditivos em silagens de bagaço de azeitona.

PALAVRAS-CHAVE: Silagem. Subproduto. Ruminantes. Valor nutricional.

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