Ammoniated rice straw as feed for ruminants

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Rice straw is agricultural byproduct with many potential uses. As animal feed, it has low digestibility, crude protein and mineral content and do not meet maintenance level of energy requirement for ruminant. Pre-treatment with ammonia gas or urea can greatly enhance intake, digestibility and crude protein content of rice straw and will improve the productive performance of the ruminants. However, because much of urea or ammonia is easily degraded in the rumen and much of absorbed N tends to be lost to the animal by excretion in the urine, to maximize the efficient use of ammoniated rice straw for ruminants, a small amount of rumen in degraded protein available for post-ruminant digestion is desirable.

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