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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Animal and Veterinary Sciences | College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences | Clemson University, South Carolina, USA, Dec 2020.

- Major Field of Study: Animal and Veterinary Sciences / Animal Nutrition
- Dissertation: Simulated and applied precision feeding system of high and low forage diets with different fatty acid sources and sequences of dietary fat concentration in in-vitro and in-vivo studies.
- Advisor: Dr. Gustavo J. Lascano.
- GPA: 3.28 / 4.00.
- Average: 82%

Master of Science in Animal Production | College of Agriculture | University of Tikrit | Tikrit, Iraq, Oct 2012.

- Major Field of Study: Animal Nutrition / Ruminant Nutrition
- Thesis: The effect of using different ratios of pomegranate peel powder with two levels of concentrate diet on the digestibility and performance of the Awassi Lambs.
- Advisor: Dr. Taher A. Shujaa.
- Average: 84%

Bachelor of Science in Animal Resources | College of Agriculture | University of Kirkuk | Kirkuk, Iraq, July 2009.

- Average: 81% (Rank: 3rd out of 43 students with Honors and Distinction).

EMPLOYMENT & TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Head of the Scientific Division | College of Agriculture | University of Kirkuk | Kirkuk, Iraq (Sep 2025 – Present).

Assistant Professor | Department of Animal Production | College of Agriculture | University of Kirkuk | Kirkuk, Iraq (Feb 2025 – Present).

- Ruminant Nutrition.
- Dairy Cattle.
- Feeds and Rations.

Assistant Professor | Department of Administrative and Financial | Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research | Baghdad, Iraq (Dec 2023 – February 2025).

Department Coordinator | Department of Optometry Techniques | College of Medical Technique | University of Al-Kitab | Kirkuk, Iraq (May 2023 – Dec 2023).

Examination Committee Member | Department of Medical Laboratories Techniques | College of Medical Technique | University of Al-Kitab | Kirkuk, Iraq (May 2023 – Dec 2023).

Lecturer | Department of Medical Laboratories Techniques | College of Medical Technique | University of Al-Kitab | Kirkuk, Iraq (May 2023 – Dec 2023).

- Biology.
- Physiology.

Lecturer | Department of Biology Sciences | College of Sciences | University of Al-Kitab | Kirkuk, Iraq (May 2023 – Dec 2023).

- Zoology.
- Botany.

Lecturer | Department of Animal Production | College of Agriculture | University of Kirkuk | Kirkuk, Iraq (Mar 2022 – May 2023).

- Ruminant Nutrition.
- Dairy Cattle.
- Sheep and Goat Production.

Research Associate | Analytical Laboratory and Scientific Research Department | Quality Control Assurance | Discover Fresh Foods Inc. (formerly Duke Foods), South Carolina, USA (Jan 2021 – Jan 2022).

- Assist Discover Fresh Foods Analytical Laboratory and Scientific Research Department in the process of getting the ISO accreditation for the lab.
- Perform microbiological analyses for finished products “RTE” and ingredients such as *Listeria monocytogenes*, *Listeria spp.*, *E. coli*, Coliforms, Lactic acid bacteria, aerobic bacteria, molds, and yeasts.
- Perform the chemical analyses for finished products “RTE” such as moisture content, viscosity, water activity, and pH.
- Writing data and technical reports, maintaining lab safety, batch records/protocols and/or laboratory notebooks, and inventories.

Research Associate | Research and Development Department | Quality Control Assurance | Discover Fresh Foods Inc. (formerly Duke Foods), South Carolina, USA (Jan 2021 – Jan 2022).

- Assist the Research and Development Department with making Pet Foods (Dog Foods) for the first time in the production lines.
- Cooperate with product development by conducting the sensory evaluation and enhancing product color, flavor, and texture.
- Conduct shelf-life studies.
- I gained knowledge and got training about quality assurance and standards, raw materials dispensing, and preparing product samples for internal or external evaluation.

Graduate Teacher of Record | Animal and Veterinary Sciences Department | College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences | Clemson University, South Carolina, USA (Aug 2020 – Dec 2020).

- Applied Animal Nutrition | AVS 3750.
- Applied Animal Nutrition Laboratory | AVS 3751 (Instructor).

Graduate Teaching Assistant | Animal and Veterinary Sciences Department | College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences | Clemson University, SC, USA (Aug 2018 – Dec 2020).

- Advanced Animal Physiology I | AVS 4650 – 6650.
- Field Crops-Forages | AVS / PES 4230 – 6230.
- Contemporary Issues in Animal Science | AVS 4150.
- Domestic Animal Behavior | AVS 4100.

Lecturer | Department of Animal Resources | College of Agriculture | University of Kirkuk | Kirkuk, Iraq (Dec 2012 – Dec 2014).

- Animal Nutrition.
- Forages and Rations.
- Principles of Animal Production.
- Meat Science.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Screening unsaturated fat sources included in diets with different dietary fat concentrations using in-vitro and in-vivo methods.
 - Conducted a dual-flow continuous culture fermenter project.
 - Conducted a gas production system project.
 - Used gas chromatography to identify the volatile fatty acids (VFA).
 - Used a spectrophotometer to measure ammonia concentration, starch, D and L lactate, allantoin, and uric acid.
- The use of by-products to replace conventional ingredients based on the production system and geographical location.
 - Conducted a project using dietary poultry fat as a by-product on Holstein and Jersey dairy heifers precision fed.
 - Collected rumen (cannula), fecal, urine samples (urine device), and rumen evacuation.
 - Conducted a dual-flow continuous culture fermenter project.
 - Used nitrogen 15 (15N) to measure the microbial protein synthesis.
- Understanding the relationships between forage to concentrate ratios (F:C) when nutrients are provided precisely to meet the requirements of dairy ruminant animals.
 - Conducted a dual-flow continuous culture fermenter project.
 - Used a fiber analyzer to measure the neutral detergent fiber (NDF) and acid detergent fiber (ADF).

- Studying the differences between the dairy breed (Holstein and Jersey) when raising dairy heifers under a precision feeding system.
 - Conducted an in-vivo animal project to study the effects of precision feeding Holstein and Jersey dairy heifers a gradual increase of dietary poultry fat on total-tract nutrient digestibility and rumen fermentation parameters.
- Understanding crude protein protection, rumen undegradable protein, rumen degradable protein, and microbial protein synthesis.
 - Conducted a project using a pomegranate peel powder as a source of tannin on sheep.
 - Collected rumen (oral device), fecal samples (digestion bag), and blood samples.
- Using in-vitro and in-vivo methods to identify optimal carrier methods that enhance nutritional contributions to the animal.
- Nutrient utilization to improve feed efficiency, and reduce metabolic costs of energy and protein.
- Graduate Research Assistant.
 - Conducted a study with Phibro Animal Health Corporation by feeding direct-fed microbial (DFM) to dual flow continuous culture fermenter.

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

Fully funded Ph.D. Scholarship | The Higher Committee of Education Development (HCED) | Prime Minister office | Baghdad, Iraq (2015 - 2020).

The 2nd place prize in Graduate Poster Competition, College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences | Graduate Research and Discovery Symposium (GRADS) | Clemson University, SC, USA (2019).

The 1st place prize by The Hope | Project to award outstanding students | Organization of the Iraqi Forum | Baghdad, Iraq (2009).

The 3rd place prize | Final cumulative score across the 2005-2009 undergraduate group | Department of Animal Resources | College of Agriculture | University of Kirkuk | Kirkuk, Iraq.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

In-Vitro Dual Flow Continuous Culture (Fermenters) (2015 - 2020).

Agilent Gas Chromatography (GC) (2015 - 2020).

Enzymatic Assays (Spectrophotometer) (2010 - 2020).

ANKOM RF Gas Production System (2015 - 2020).

ANKOM 200 Fiber Analyzer (2015 - 2020).

Kjeldahl Apparatus, Soxhlet Extractor, Muffle Furnace, and Wiley Mill (2010 - 2020).

Freeze Dryer (Harvest Right) (2015 - 2020).

Collect Rumen Samples (Cannula, and Oral Device) (2010 - 2020).

Collect Fecal Samples (Digestion Bag), and Urine Samples (Urine Device) (2010 - 2020).

Collect Blood Samples (Jugular Vein, and Coccygeal Vein) (2010 - 2020).

Data Ranger, Skid Steers, Calan Gates, and Robotic Milking System (2015 - 2020).

SOFTWARES

ChemStation Software (2015 - 2020).

Gen5 Reader Software (2015 - 2020).

Statistical Software (SAS and JMP) proficiency (2015 - Present).

Master Sheet Program (Student grades) (2010 - Present).

Microsoft Office Software, and Adobe Software (2010 - Present).

CPM-Dairy Ration Formulation Software (2015-2020).

Genesis R&D Food Formulation and Nutrition Labeling Software (2021- 2022).

IACUC and AUP protocols (2015-2020).

TRAININGS & CERTIFICATES

Teaching Proficiency Test Certificate | University of Kirkuk | Kirkuk, Iraq (2023).

Introduction to Surgical Research | Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program) | Clemson University | Clemson, SC, USA (2018 - 2021).

Farm Animals | Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program) | Clemson University | Clemson, SC, USA (2015 - 2020).

Wild Animals | Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program) | Clemson University | Clemson, SC, USA (2015 - 2020).

Lab Animal Welfare Course | Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program) | Clemson University | Clemson, SC, USA (2015 - 2020).

Lab Animals | Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program) | Clemson University | Clemson, SC, USA (2015 - 2020).

General Zoonotic Training | Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program) | Clemson University | Clemson, SC, USA (2015 - 2020).

Basic Course for Research Investigators, Graduate Students, and Animal Care Staff | Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program) | Clemson University | Clemson, SC, USA (2015 - 2020).

Reducing Pain and Distress in Laboratory Mice and Rats | Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program) | Clemson University | Clemson, SC, USA (2015 - 2020).

Working with Rats in Research Settings | Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program) | Clemson University | Clemson, SC, USA (2015 - 2020).

NIH Recombinant DNA (rDNA) Guidelines | Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program) | Clemson University | Clemson, SC, USA (2018 - 2021).

Human Vulnerability Training | Sandia National Laboratories | Miami, FL, USA (2020).

Chem/Bio Lab Design Training | Sandia National Laboratories | Albuquerque, NM, USA (2019).

Introductory Laboratory Security Training | Sandia National Laboratories | Atlanta, GA, USA (2019).

Blood Born Pathogen Training (BBP) | Clemson Research Safety | Clemson University | Clemson, SC, USA (2015).

Biohazardous Waste Training | Clemson Research Safety | Clemson University | Clemson, SC, USA (2015).

Hazardous Waste Training | Clemson Research Safety | Clemson University | Clemson, SC, USA (2015).

Chemical Hygiene Plan Training (CHP) | Clemson Research Safety | Clemson University | Clemson, SC, USA (2015).

Hazard Communication Training (HazCom) | Clemson Research Safety | Clemson University | Clemson, SC, USA (2015).

Radiation Worker Training | Clemson Research Safety | Clemson University | Clemson, SC, USA (2015).

Respiratory Protection Training | Clemson Research Safety | Clemson University | Clemson, SC, USA (2015).

X-ray Training | Clemson Research Safety | Clemson University | Clemson, SC, USA (2015).

Checkpoint: Data Security & Privacy (EDU) | Law Room – Inspired Employer Solutions | Clemson University | Clemson, SC, USA (2017).

Driver Improvement Program | American Automobile Association (AAA) | Clemson University | Clemson, SC, USA (2019).

Certificate of Completion of Master's Level of Intensive English Program for Academic Purposes (ELS Level 112) | University Center | Greenville, SC, USA (2015).

IC3 (Internet and Computing Core Certification) | University of Kirkuk | Kirkuk, Iraq (2014).

Teaching Methods Certificate | University of Kirkuk | Kirkuk, Iraq (2013).

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

The 1st National Conference for Alumni of Iraqi Scholarship Programs | Baghdad, Iraq (April 15th, 2025).

American Dairy Science Association (ADSA) Annual Meeting | Virtual Annual Meeting, USA (Jun 22-24, 2020).

American Dairy Science Association Southern Regional Student Affiliate Division (ADSA-SAD) Annual Meeting | Clemson, SC, USA (Feb 27-29, 2020).

Human Vulnerability Training | Sandia National Laboratories | Miami, FL, USA (Feb 14-16, 2020).

Chem/Bio Lab Design Training | Sandia National Laboratories | Albuquerque, NM, USA (Dec 13-16, 2019).

Introductory Laboratory Security Training | Sandia National Laboratories | Atlanta, GA, USA (Oct 18-20, 2019).

American Dairy Science Association (ADSA) Annual Meeting | Cincinnati, OH, USA (Jun 23-26, 2019).

Graduate Research and Discovery Symposium (GRADS) | Clemson University, SC, USA (Apr 3-4, 2019).

36th ADSA Discover Conference | Lipids in Dairy Nutrition: From Feed to Milk Fat | Itasca, IL, USA (May 28-31, 2019).

American Society of Animal Science (ASAS) | Innovate, influencing the future of animal-sourced foods | Braselton, GA, USA (Sept 9-11, 2018).

American Dairy Science Association (ADSA) Annual Meeting | Knoxville, TN, USA (Jun 24-27, 2018).

American Dairy Science Association (ADSA) Annual Meeting | Pittsburgh, PA, USA (Jun 25-28, 2017).

The 1st Scientific Conference for College of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine | Tikrit University, Iraq (Mar 25-26, 2013).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Reviewer in Frontiers in Veterinary Science | Switzerland | (2025 - Present).

Reviewer in African Journal of Food, Agriculture, Nutrition and Development (AJFAND) | Kenya | Africa | (2025 - Present).

Reviewer in Kirkuk University Journal for Agricultural Sciences (KUJAS) | Kirkuk, Iraq (2025 - Present).

Reviewer in International Journal of Animal Science and Livestock Production (IJASLP) | United States | (2023 - Present).

Reviewer in Advances in Science, Technology and Engineering Systems Journal (ASTESJ) | United States | (2021 - Present).

Reviewer in the Journal of Agricultural Science | The Canadian Center of Science and Education, Canada | (2021 - Present).

Clemson Alumni Association | Clemson University | (2020 - Present).

American Dairy Science Association (ADSA) (2015 - 2021).

American Society of Animal Science (ASAS) (2016 - 2021).

Animal and Veterinary Sciences Graduate Student Association (AVSGSA) | Clemson University | (2015 - 2020).

Ruminant Nutrition Research Team (RNRT) | Clemson University | (2015 - 2020).

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Graduate Student Assistant | American Dairy Science Association Southern Regional Student Affiliate Division (ADSA-SAD) Annual Meeting | Clemson, SC, USA (2020).

Graduate Student Assistant | 36th ADSA Discover Conference | Lipids in Dairy Nutrition: From Feed to Milk Fat | Itasca, IL, USA (2019).

Social Activity Chair | Animal and Veterinary Sciences Graduate Student Association (AVSGSA) | Clemson University, SC, USA (2016 - 2017).

Food Sensory Evaluation Panelist | Food and Packaging Sciences Department | Clemson University, SC, USA (2018).

Agricultural Cooperative Development International / Volunteers in Overseas Cooperative Assistance (ACDI / VOCA) | Apprenticeship Program for Youth | Kirkuk, Iraq (2010).

LANGUAGES

- **English** (Full Professional Proficiency).
- **Arabic** (Native).

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

S. M. Hussein, T. C. Jenkins, M. J. Aguerre, W. C. Bridges, G. J. Lascano. 2025. Simulating Precision Feeding of High-Concentrate Diets with High-Fat Inclusion and Different Plant-Based Saturated, Unsaturated, and Animal Fat Sources in Continuous Culture Fermenters. *Animals*, 15, 2406. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ani15162406>.

S. M. Hussein, M. J. Aguerre, T. C. Jenkins, W. C. Bridges, and G. J. Lascano. 2024. Screening Dietary Fat Sources and Concentrations Included in Low- and High-Forage Diets Using an In Vitro Gas Production System. *Fermentation*, 10, 506.

<https://doi.org/10.3390/fermentation10100506>.

M. Toledo, **S. M. Hussein**, M. Pena, M. J. Aguerre, W. Bridges, and G. J. Lascano. 2024. **Effects of Caffeine Doses on Rumen Fermentation Profile and Nutrient Digestibility Using a Lactating Cow Diet under Continuous Cultures Conditions. *Ruminants*, 4,406-417.**

<https://doi.org/10.3390/ruminants4030029>.

M. A. Mohammed, **Saad M. Hussein**, and A. S. Shaker. 2023. **Effect of adding garlic powder and local red sumac to quail diets on productive performance and some blood biochemical characteristics during the growth stage in cages. IOP Conf. Ser.: Earth Environ. Sci. 1262, 072113. ICMTAS. <https://doi:10.1088/1755-1315/1262/7/072113>.**

Ismail Younis Al-Hadeedy, Questan Ali Ameen, Ahmed Sami Shaker, Ali Hasan Mohamed, Mostafa Waleed Taha, and **Saad M. Hussein**. 2023. **Using the principal component analysis of body weight in three genetic groups of Japanese quail. IOP Conf. Ser.: Earth Environ. Sci. 1252,012148. ICCMAT. <https://doi:10.1088/1755-1315/1252/1/012148>.**

Suarez-Mena, F.J., G.J. Lascano, **S.M. Hussein**, and A.J. Heinrichs. 2019. **Effect of dry distillers grains with solubles and forage dietary concentration in precision-fed heifer diets: Mineral apparent absorption and retention. *Appl. Anim. Sci.* 35: 169-176.**

S. M. Hussein, T. C. Jenkins, M. J. Aguerre, W. C. Bridges, and G. J. Lascano. Effects of precision feeding Holstein and Jersey heifers a gradual increase of dietary poultry fat on total-tract nutrient digestibility and rumen fermentation parameters. (In prep).

S. M. Hussein, M. J. Aguerre, N. A. Gomez, W. C. Bridges, and G. J. Lascano. The effects of substituting true protein with non-protein nitrogen in the diets of Holstein dairy heifers precision-fed different forage to concentrate ratios. (In prep).

S. M. Hussein, T. C. Jenkins, C. Lee, W. C. Bridges, and G. J. Lascano. Simulating precision feeding of high and low forage diets with increasing poultry fat inclusion in continuous culture fermenters. (In prep).

Lascano, G.J., R.N. Klopp, **S.M. Hussein**, and D. McCurdy. 2019. Invited Paper: **Insights in nutrition programs for the developing ruminant. Proc. of International Animal Production Symposium. Archivos Latinoamericanos de Produccion Animal (ALPA) Journal. 26: 1-8.**

Saad M. Hussein and T. A. Shujaa. **The Effect of Using Different Ratios of Pomegranate Peels Powder on Performance and Digestibility in Awassi Lambs. Journal Tikrit University for Agricultural Sciences Vol. 13, No. 3, 2013 (JTUAS).**

Saad M. Hussein and T. A. Shujaa. **The Effect of Using Different Ratios of Pomegranate Peels Powder on Performance and Some Blood Characteristics in Awassi Lambs. 1st Scientific Conference for College of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine - Tikrit University 25 - 26 Mar 2013.**

PROCEEDINGS

Louisa E. Koch, Brandon M. Koch, Rebecca N. Klopp, **Saad M. Hussein**, Maria J. Oconitrillo, Rickie Hughes, Meghan Courey, Ansley Sackett, Thomas C. Jenkins, and Gustavo J. Lascano. 2018. **Replacing dietary starch with a combination of sugar and soluble fiber in combination with soybean oil alters lactating performance in Holstein dairy cows.** American Dairy Science Association (ADSA) Annual Meeting, Knoxville, TN, USA. (Abstract).

L. E. Koch, B. M. Koch, **S. M. Hussein**, V. R. Trutwin, T. C. Jenkins, C. Soderholm, J. Linn, J. Albrecht, and G. J. Lascano. 2017. **Effects of combinations of prilled fatty acids with or without potassium carbonate on fermentation and biohydrogenation intermediates in continuous culture fermenters.** American Dairy Science Association (ADSA) Annual Meeting | Pittsburgh, PA, USA. (Abstract).

L. E. Koch, B. M. Koch, R. N. Klopp, **S. M. Hussein**, V. R. Trutwin, and G. J. Lascano. 2017. **Effects of replacing corn with different levels of starch degradability with beet pulp as a source of soluble fiber on fermentation in continuous culture.** American Dairy Science Association (ADSA) Annual Meeting | Pittsburgh, PA, USA. (Abstract).

L. E. Koch, B. M. Koch, R. N. Klopp, **S. M. Hussein**, V. R. Trutwin, and G. J. Lascano. 2017. **Starch degradability in combination with sugar alters fermentation in continuous culture.** American Dairy Science Association (ADSA) Annual Meeting | Pittsburgh, PA, USA. (Abstract).

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

S.M. Hussein, S. Twyman, M. Toledo, O. Thomas, J. Echesabal, R.M. Stockler, M.J. Aguerre, G.J. Lascano. 2020. **Effects of precision feeding Holstein and Jersey heifers a gradual increase of dietary poultry fat on nutrient digestibility.** American Dairy Science Association (ADSA) Virtual Annual Meeting, USA.

S.M. Hussein, S. Simmons, J. Sinkevitch, H. Oswalt, G. Loughlin, G.J. Lascano. 2019. **Simulating precision feeding of high and low forage diets with increasing poultry fat inclusion alters fermentation in continuous culture.** American Dairy Science Association (ADSA) Annual Meeting, Cincinnati, OH, USA.

S.M. Hussein, M. X. Toledo, S. Twyman, O. Thomas, G. J. Lascano. 2019. **Simulating precision feeding of high concentrate diets with high-fat inclusion and different unsaturated fat sources in continuous culture fermenters.** American Dairy Science Association (ADSA) Annual Meeting, Cincinnati, OH, USA.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

S.M. Hussein, S. Twyman, M. Toledo, O. Thomas, J. Echesabal, R.M. Stockler, M.J. Aguerre, G.J. Lascano. 2020. **Effects of precision feeding Holstein and Jersey heifers an increasing**

poultry fat inclusion on rumen fermentation parameters. American Dairy Science Association (ADSA) Virtual Annual Meeting, USA.

S.M. Hussein, M. X. Toledo, S. Twyman, O. Thomas, J. Echesabal, G.J. Lascano. 2019. Screening unsaturated fat sources included to low and high forage diets with different fat dietary concentrations using an *in vitro* gas production system. Graduate Research and Discovery Symposium (GRADS). Clemson University, SC, USA.

S.M. Hussein, M.X. Toledo, J. Echesabal, S. Twyman, S. Simmons, J. Sinkevitch, G. Loughlin, G.J. Lascano. 2019. Dose response of caffeine on fermentation and nutrient utilization in continuous culture fermenters. American Dairy Science Association (ADSA) Annual Meeting, Cincinnati, OH, USA.

REFERENCES

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