

Survival and Growth Performance of Pacific White Shrimp *Litopenaeus Vannamei* (Boone1931) Under Different Stocking Densities

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Abstract: Density is one of the crucial factors for White leg shrimp *Litopenaeus vannamei* in determining the survival and growth. Five ponds were selected with 0.5ha each in low saline water. They were stocked with 20,30,40,50 and 60pcs/m². The survival (%) and AVG was observed as 84.5; 83.5; 82.5; 79.5; 69.12 and 28.42g, 27.52g, 26.4g, 25.2g and 19.5g in ponds P1, P2, P3, P4 and P5, respectively. Fortnight sampling was taken at 7am.

Key words: *L.vannamei*, pH, salinity, temperature, density, survival and growth .

I. Introduction

Litopenaeus vannamei, is one of the most intensively cultivated shrimp all over the world (Perez Farfante and Kensley 1997) because of the reduced risk of catastrophic diseases and favorable environmental conditions (Boyd 2002; Zhu et al., 2006). Many studies have aimed to increase the shrimp production through manipulating of stocking density, fertilization and artificial feeding (Varghese et al., 1975; Chakraborti et al., 1985; Krishna, 2006), Several authors described about the growth in shrimp culture systems based on stocking density (Cailout et al., 1976; Sedgwick 1979; Maguire and Leedow 1983) and some authors have reported an inverse relationship between growth and stocking density (Lee et al., 1986; Sandifer et al., 1987; Daniels et al., 1995).

II. Material And Methods

Low saline semi intensive ponds were selected at Gangapatnam in Nellore district, Andhra Pradesh. Analysis of physical parameters for all the ponds was carried using standard methods (APHA, 1989). Field test instruments were used to analyze water pH (Digital mini – pH meter, model 55), Temperature & dissolved oxygen (YSI-58). The experimental ponds were stocked with 20,30,40,50 and 60pcs/m² in P1, P2, P3, P4 and P5, respectively. PL with a size of 0.67g was taken from Cp Hatchery, Gudur. Cp feed was given four times a day. Paddle wheel aerators were used and check trays were maintained for 120 days of culture.

At each sampling weights for growth increments were recorded. The growth and water quality parameters were statistically analyzed by two ways ANOVA.

III. Results

The productions were obtained as 2401.49, 3434.49, 4307.62, 4942.91 and 4043.5kg in P1, P2, P3, P4 and P5. The FCR, SGR and ADG were observed as 2.04; 2.12; 2.24; 2.76; 2.92; and 2.63; 3.09; 3.05; 3.01; 2.8; and 0.23; 0.22; 0.21; 0.20 and 0.15 /20pcs/m², 30pcs/m², 40pcs/m², 50pcs/m² and 60pcs/m² respectively.

IV. Discussion

The physical parameters of water play crucial role in the culture systems. Maintenance of water quality is essential for optimum growth and survival of shrimp. Excess feed, fecal matter and metabolites will exert tremendous influence on the water quality of shrimp farm (Soundarapandian and Gunalan, 2008). Karthikeyan, 1994 and Gunalan et al., 2010 reported the good growth and survival of *L.vannamei* in brackish water ponds of 10-35ppt which was ideal for shrimp culture. However, the shrimp tolerates the salinity even 2.45ppt (Parker et al., 1974). In the present study the salinity was maintained at 6.5-12.5ppt and maximum ADG was observed at a salinity of 9.89ppt. Wang et al., (2004) reported the favorable pH form 7.6-8.6 for *L.vannamei* and it was observed at a pH of 7.5 in p1. Fast and Lannan, 1992 stated best shrimp growth was observed in a temperature range from 24-32°c. During the experimental period the temperature was recorded between 32-35°c.

Hanson and Goodwin (1977); Maguire and Leedow (1983) and Allan and Maguire (1992) reported the growth reduction in shrimp at higher densities. In the present study it was clearly indicated that at 60pcs/m² the yield was decreased compared to the 50pcs/m². At the density of 50pcs/m² yield was 4942.91kg and ADG was reduced to 0.2g/pcs/day. This agrees with Haran et al., (2004); and Arnold et al., (2006), who reported that high densities lead to greater dominance and hierarchy placement of large organisms over small ones. Tidwell et al., (1999) Apud et al., (1981); Maguire and Leedow (1983) and Sandifer et al., (1987) also stated the possibility of

best economic results at optimum stocking density. Similar results were observed at 20pcs/ m² with an FCR of 2.04. Wyban et al., (1987) also stated the suitable stocking densities of *L.vannamei* at 5 to 21pcs/m². It was observed that the survival rate was maximum at 20pcs/m² and minimum at 60pcs/m².

Table -1 Summary of water parameters for *L.vannamei* under different stocking densities

Parameter	20/m ²	30/m ²	40/m ²	50/m ²	60/m ²
Temperature(°C)	33.3±1.23	34.92±1.25	33.57±1.24	34.67±1.26	33.78±1.25
DO(mg/l)	6.13±1.35	5.93±1.78	5.7±1.98	4.92±2.2	4.85±2.01
pH	7.51±0.2	7.31±0.2	7.26±0.19	7.01±0.1	7.07±0.19
Salinity(ppt)	9.89±2.7	8.21±2.5	10.92±2.4	9.82±2.4	11.1±2.3

Line graph-1

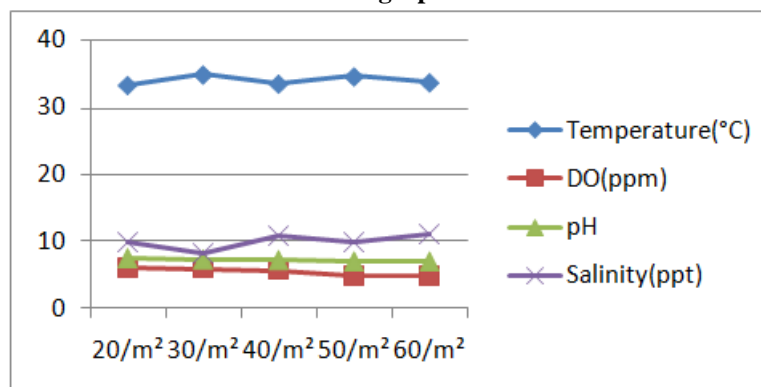
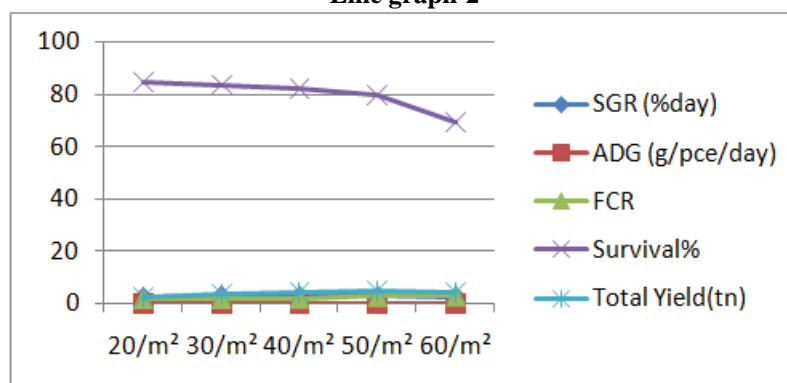


Table - 2. Growth parameters of *L.vannamei* at different stocking densities

Parameter	20/m ²	30/m ²	40/m ²	50/m ²	60/m ²
SGR (%day)	2.638559	3.096159	3.056786	3.011783	2.809077
ADG (g/pce/day)	0.23125	0.22375	0.213167	0.201667	0.156917
FCR	2.04	2.12	2.24	2.76	2.92
Survival%	84.50	83.5	82.05	79.5	69.12
Feed consumption	4763.444	7046.56	8983.895	10918.04	10362.92
Total Yield(kg)	2401.490	3434.496	4307.625	4942.913	4043.52

Line graph-2



V. Conclusion

Fortnight sampling was taken for observing ADG and SGR. Final yield, survival rate and feed consumption were compared at the end of culture.

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