



Heterosis Effect and Outbreeding Analysis of Boer and PE Goat Crosses Based on Birth Weight in F1 and F2

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The Boer and PE goat was used as a model in the outbreeding application to look at the genetic mechanism responses. The purpose of this research to analyze the estimation of heterosis effect on the birth weight of the Boer and PE goat crosses. The total data used in this experiment were birth weight (BW) data from F1 (89 tails) and F2 (16 tails), respectively. Data analysis was estimated by calculating the probability of BW using the average formula and standard deviation based on Noor (1996) formula. The results of the data analysis using the formula above, carried out further using "t-test" to know the difference in the birth weight of F1 and F2 with α 0.05. The heterosis effect was analyzed based on Harjosubroto (1994) formula. The results of this research that BW of F1 and F2 were $3,91\pm0,88$ kg and $3,47\pm0,76$ kg, respectively. The results were higher than BW of Boer goat and PE goat (3,3 kg). The ration of BW between F1 and F2 was not significant (P>0,05). Heterosis effect analysis of F1 (46,67%) and F2 (32,17%) were higher than parental. It would be concluded that the result of birth weight very large released by sex of goat. The average of the male group had higher than the female group. The effect was caused by the Boer goat as male in passing down the transition. The effect of heterosis on goats from the highest crosses in the first generation (46.67%), and reduced in the second generation (32.17%). The heterosis effect value could be made as a basis for future selection program.

Keywords: Goat; birth weight; outbreeding; crossbreeding; heterosis effect;

Introduction

The study of factors affecting birth weight in cattle, sheep, and goats is important for value for several reasons (Bharathidhasan et al., 2009, Banerjee and Jana, 2010). Birth weight has several impacts on health status and survival on livestock. The relationship between birth weight and death has long attracted geneticist because death is caused by abnormal birth weight (Bwogi et al., 2017, Omani et al., 2019).

Birth weight is a factor that affects the life span of livestock from birth to adulthood (Woma et al., 2016). The birth weight does not have important economic value, but birth weight can be used as a characteristic for early selection (Azis, 2012, Omani et al., 2019). Selection based on the birth weight of livestock is the first step to do, where the birth weight that is not good needs to be removed from the farm. This is because the nature of birth weight is a trait that can be taken into consideration in the selection program (Banerjee and Jana, 2010, Syakur and Azis, 2020).

Some factors that can affect birth weight are birth type, sex, age of mother, feed and breed (Nurgiartiningsih, 2012, Radhika et al., 2015). The birth weight of tropical goats for single male and female were 1.8 - 4.9 kg and 1.6 -4.2 kg, respectively, and the birth weight of twins (two males) were 1.8 - 4.4 kg and 1.7 -3.9 kg. respectively (Pralomkarn and Tumwasorn, 2011, Harowi, 2016). In addition, large goat breed has birth weight (male) ranging from 2.7 - 4.0 kg (single) and 2.9 - 3.5 kg (twins) and female birth weight around 2.5 - 3.7kg (single) and 2.8 - 3.0 kg (twins) (Thepparat et al., 2012, Harowi, 2016). Other factors affecting the birth weight of an older child are greater than the birth of twins or triplets (Radhika et al., 2015). This is due to the food obtained by the fetus from the mother who has more single children compared to twins or the amount of subsequent weight gain and the ability to adapt to the environment (Bharathidhasan et al., 2009, Banerjee and Jana, 2010).

Crossbreeding between Boer goats and PE goats substitutes the desired traits in their offspring and utilizes the superiority of livestock in heterozygote (Azis, 2012, Harowi, 2016, Azis and Kurniawan, 2019). The crossing of Boer goat and PE goat is an attempt to produce new offspring that have the proportion of blood as the neighbor (Harowi, 2016, Azis and Lestariningsih, 2018). Livestock breeding through the crossing application is based on the heterosis effect (Azis, 2012, Al-Saef, 2013, Harowi, 2016, Azis and Lestariningsih, 2018). Heterosis is defined as an increase in the size/ shape (vigor) of a hybrid over its parent's average (Hassen et al., 2012, Azis, 2018). Heterosis effect is the effect of changes in the appearance of crossbreeds progeny average that are consistently different from the appearance of the two parents average (Azis, 2012, 2018). The heterosis effect can be seen based on the similarity of phenotype characteristics of progeny.

Crossbreeding of Boer and PE goats is a common practice developed by farmers in Indonesia and other countries, that these crosses can inherit superior traits possessed by their parents. It is important to study the first generation and second-generation (F1 and F2) as well as analysis of phenotypic similarities, birth weight performance and estimation of the effects of heterosis on birth weight of their crosses

Material and Methods

This study was used the result of crossing Boer and PE goat, namely the first generation (F1) and the second generation (F2). Ther number of the materials was 89 tails (F1) and 16 tails (F2), respectively. Data collection was obtained based on observations in the field directly on a quantitative trait. Quantitative characteristic is characteristic that can be measured against the performance of F1 and F2 specifically on Birth Weight (BW). Heterosis effect is the result of the measurement of change in the appearance of phenotype characteristics, especially BW of F1 and F2 generation.

Data analysis was estimated by calculating the probability of BW using the average formula and standard deviation based on (Rachman, 2004) formula. The results of the data analysis using the formula above carried out further using the "t-test" to know the difference in the birth weight of F1 and F2 with α 0.05.

Heterosis effect (hybrid vigor) analysis was carried out to determine the estimation of hybrid vigor as measured by hybrid vigor coefficient heterosis (% H) as describe (Warwick et al., 1984). Which was defined to determine the differences between F1 and F2 with their parent.

Results and Discussion Birth Weight of F1 and F2

Birth weight has important significance for predicting livestock productivity and reproduction. Birth weight correlates with growth rate, adult size and life force of livestock. According (Warwick et al., 1984) that birth weight does not have an important economic value, but birth weight can be used as a criterion for early selec-

Gender	F1 (kg)		F2 (kg)	
	Number (Tails)	Average X <u>+</u> SD	Number (Tails)	Average X <u>+</u> SD
Male	45	4,01±0,80	8	3,94±0,94
Female	47	3,81±0,93	8	3,06±0,19
Average	92	3.91±0.88	16	3.47±0.76

Table 1. The Average of birth weight in F1 and F2 (kg)

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tion because there is a relationship with livestock production in the future.

The results of the analysis of the birth weight of F1 and F2 offspring from pure male Boer goat crossing with the parent PE goat obtained average birth weight as shown in (Table 1).

The average birth weight of goats from Boer and PE crosses was in the F1 group, it was found that male was 4.01 ± 0.80 kg and female was 3.81 ± 0.93 kg, whereas in group F2 it was found, the male was around 3.94 ± 0.94 kg and in females 3.06 ± 0.19 kg. The results of statistical analysis comparing the average birth weight F1 and F2 show that the average birth weight of F1 and F2 were not significantly different (P>0.05).

Based on Table 1 showed that male and female birth weight, male birth weight was greater than the female of the goat. The same results reported by (Harowi, 2016), which crosses Boer goats with local Chinese goats produce a greater average birth weight of male goats (4.25 \pm 0.95 kg) compared to female goat birth weight $(3.74 \pm 0.10 \text{ kg})$. Another study conducted by (Thepparat et al., 2012) who also crossed Boer goats with Chinese local goats, reported that birth weight was significantly different between male and female goats resulting in crossings of 6.43 ± 1.42 kg and 3.37 \pm 0, 74 kg. The combination of Boer goat crosses as male inherited greater production traits than local goats.

According to (Bharathidhasan et al., 2009), the difference is due to the speed of prebirth growth of male goats which is faster than female goats. Its based on the assumption that androgen hormones owned by male children will cause more nitrogen retention compared to female children so that will result in greater fetal growth, therefore male fetuses will have greater pre-birth growth so that they have greater birth weight as well compared to female children. Birth weight of goat is influenced not only by litter size, sex of the child but also by season, whereas parity/age of the mother and additional feed have no significant effect (Bharathidhasan et al., 2009, Pralomkarn and Tumwasorn, 2011, Nurgiartiningsih, 2012).

Differences in birth weight are influenced by several genetic factors, gender, feed, and maintenance management (Bharathidhasan et al., 2009, Radhika et al., 2015). In addition, there are two possibilities: firstly, the difference in birth weight is probably due to the high average litter size of the mother of the goat PE which causes the average birth weight of the child per-tail to be low. Secondly, caused by the average weight of a PE goat in Lampung province (34.5 kg) which is higher than the average weight of a PE goat in East Java (31.7 kg) (Azis, 2012, Harowi, 2016).

Based on the results of research conducted by (Nasich, 2010) said that birth weight was influenced by the place where the livestock were kept or the location and age of the parent, where Malang Regency had an average birth weight of 3.07 kg, while Tulungagung was 2.39 kg. In addition, the age of PE goats used in Tulungagung Regency was on average for more than 3 years, while the parent of PE goats in Malang on average was less than 3 years. Seasonal and maintenance location factors influence the birth weight of children because it is closely related to the availability of forage in the field. Childbirth weight in the rainy season was higher than in the dry season.

The average birth weight of crossbreed goats was generally higher when compared to the average birth weight of both parents. The Boer goat birth weight was assumed to be an average of 3.3 ± 0.64 kg (Browning Jr et al., 2011) and the average birth weight of the PE goat was 2.36 \pm 0.36 kg (Dakhlan and Suharyati, 2012). The average birth weight of goat resulting from the crossing of Boer goat conducted by (Romjali et al., 2002, Mahmilia and Tarigan, 2004) in Boer goat mated with pea goats have a birth weight of 2.22 kg and $1.98\pm$ 0.43 kg, respectively. The results of research conducted by (Yonghong et al., 2001) who mated Boer goats with Huai and Haimen goats produced birth weight ranging from 2.75 ± 0.23 kg and 2.50 ± 0.47 kg. Sutaman et al (2002) who mated Boer and PE goat with an average birth weight of 4.29 ± 0.63 kg.

Heterosis effect

One of the expected of crossbreeding among livestock is heterosis (Thepparat et al., 2012). Heterosis (hybrid vigor) can be divided into two types, namely individual heterosis and maternal heterosis (Harowi, 2016). The type of individual heterosis is used in crossing between two breeds, which was distinguished as differences in appearance between individuals resulting from reciprocal crosses (crossbred) with the average appearance of their parent nations (straightbreed or purebred). The magnitude of the effects of heterosis depends on the level of genetic differences between the original breed. The further

Gender	F1		F2	
	Number (Tails)	The percentage of heterosis (%H)	Number (Tails)	The percentage of heterosis (%H)
Male	45	22,26	8	19,94
Female	47	24,41	8	12,23
Average	92	46,67	16	32,17

Table 2. The estimation of heterosis effect of F1 and F2

differences between the two basic breed, heterosis effect will be even greater. The result of crossing obtain a high individual heterosis effect, then the cross-breeding system can be recommended to be applied (Nurgiartiningsih, 2012, Radhika et al., 2015).

The average birth weight of Boer goats was 3.3 ± 0.64 kg, and the average birth weight of PE goats was 3.67 ± 0.36 kg (Kostaman and Sutama, 2005, Browning Jr et al., 2011). If the two birth weights are added up and divided in half it will produce 3.48 ± 0.5 kg.

Based on the results of the data in table 2, it shows that the estimation of the effects of heterosis on first-generation birth weight is higher than the second generation. The F1 groups in males and female the average were 22.26% and 24.41%, respectively. While the F2 groups in males and females were 19.94% and 12.23%, respectively. The results of the estimation calculation of the heterosis effects in the F1 group obtained an average was 46.67%, while in the F2 group the results of average were 32.17%. The results indicate that the F1 group had 46.67% of the advantages of its parental, whereas in F2 group had 32.17% of the advantages of its parental.

Based on the results in table 2, that this study showed that the heterosis effect tends to decrease in the F2 group. Some studies said that the highest individual heterosis was achieved in the first generation and showed a decrease in the second and third generations. The percentage of heterosis value will decrease by half the value third of the second and generation (Nurgiartiningsih, 2012, Thepparat et al., 2012, Radhika et al., 2015). The cause of this heterosis is not yet known with certainty. Heterosis effects are probably caused by the action of non -additive genes, which can cause dominance or over dominance. Gene action plays a major role assuming low recessive alleles in the majority of offspring (Nasich, 2010). On the other hand, the beneficial epistatic interactions as the main reason for the occurrence of phenomena heterosis at the molecular level (Browning Jr et al., 2011, Thepparat et al., 2012).

Conclusion

Based on the result of this study could be concluded that birth weight had no economic value, but the birth weight had a relationship with growth trait, health status and the basis of selection. The result of birth weight very large released by sex of goat. The average of the male group had higher than the female group. The effect was caused by the Boer goat as male in passing down the transition. The effect of heterosis on goats from the highest crosses in the first generation (46.67%), and reduced in the second generation (32.17%). The value of the heterosis effect could be made as a basis for future selection program.

Suggestion

The study of birth weight as a basis for early selection in the future requires more complete and more complex research to validate its correlation with the health status of goats (F1 and F2).

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