



Botanicals - a new kind of natural feed additives

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Feed additives based on plants (medicinal, herbs or spices) or plant extracts - so named .botanicals. - are lately used in animal feeding, especially for pigs and poultry. Botanicals can have antibacterial properties as well an enhancing growth performance. A wide variety of herbs and spices are under investigation as possible contributors of active substances to feed additives, either singly or in combination. In USAMV Iasi was used like feed additive in poultry an extract from *Asclepias syriaca*, with good results.