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Features of the chemical composition of crayfish

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Abstract

The cultivation of crayfish in the structure of aquaculture in the Middle Volga region can be an important component. Currently, natural crayfish populations in the Republic of Tatarstan include 2 species - narrow-toed crayfish (*Pontastacus leptodactylus Esch.*) and wide-toed crayfish (*A. astacus L.*). The development of aquabiological technologies allows the use of natural crayfish populations for the tasks of creating industrial breeding farms.

In connection with the global trend of the growing popularity of crayfish in food use, the importance of research on the chemical composition of crayfish as objects of consumption grows.

The chemical analysis of narrow-fingered crayfish revealed 13 elements, of which calcium is found in maximum amount in the dry residue. The calcium content in the narrow crayfish was 154.057 g/kg dry weight (fig. 1), the chitinous shell of crayfish contains relatively more calcium – up to 376.282 g/kg of dry weight.

The following sequences of the content of chemical elements in crayfish from the Kuibyshev reservoir are noted:

 \blacktriangleright in the muscle tissue of edible parts Ca >K >S >P >Cu >Fe >Zn >Mn ~ Br >Sr;

 \blacktriangleright in the shell Ca >Si >P >S >K >Sr >Ti >Fe >Mn >Cu >Br >Zn >As.

In crayfish from the Kuibyshev reservoir we studied, the raw muscle mass of the edible parts of the crayfish contained 88.80% of water, 10.28% of organic substances and 0.92% of mineral substances, and in the chitin-containing raw shells of crayfish, respectively, contained 59.2% of water, 36.42% organic matter and 4.38% mineral matter.

The particular interest is the study of crayfish shells, since they consist mainly of chitin. It is a bearing polysaccharide for invertebrate, reaching 85% of the weight of the integuments. In the cuticle of arthropods, chitin forms composite complexes with proteins, pigments, calcium salts. In the composition of the shells of crayfish, 376282 mg/kg dry mass of calcium is noted. In smaller quantities phosphorus, potassium, iron and zinc are noted. Titanium was found in crayfish shells in the amount of 1845 mg/kg dry weight and was not found in their muscle tissue and other aquatic organisms in the region.

In the studied crayfish, the content of heavy metals in the wet mass was: Zn - 0.42 mg/kg; Cu 6.5 mg/kg; Fe - 1.39 mg/kg; Sr - 0.23 mg/kg. Residual amounts of zinc and copper in the muscular tissue of the edible parts of crayfish of the Kuibyshev reservoir are within the normal range.

The content of hazardous elements (lead, arsenic, cadmium and mercury) in the crayfish from the Kuibyshev reservoir is within the sanitary and epidemiological norms, and in the Volga delta crayfish the lead content is exceeded.

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