**Table (3).** Means ± standard error of conception rate (%), number of services per conception, gestation length and litter size at birth, 21 and 28 days of age of NZW doe rabbits fed different levels of *Moringa oleifera* hay (leaves+twigs) as a substitute for alfalfa hay in the diet.

|                   | Reproductive traits      |   |                     |                         |                        |                |               |                |               |  |  |
|-------------------|--------------------------|---|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|--|--|
|                   | Number                   |   |                     | No of gowering          |                        | Liter size at: |               |                |               |  |  |
|                   | of<br>copulate<br>d does | Pregnant does   Conception rate (%)   No of services per conception | Gestation<br>length | Bi<br>Total             | rth<br>live            | 21<br>days     | 28<br>days    |                |               |  |  |
| Doe rabbit grou   | ps:                      |   |                     |                         |                        |                |               |                |               |  |  |
| A (Control)       | 36                       | 23  | 63.9 <sup>b</sup>   | $1.6^{a}\pm0.16$        | $32.9 \pm 0.32$        | $6.9\pm0.6$    | $6.7 \pm 0.5$ | $5.9 \pm 0.5$  | $5.7 \pm 0.5$ |  |  |
| В                 | 37                       | 29  | $78.4^{ab}$         | $1.3^{ab} \pm 0.10$     | 32.6±0.36              | $7.4\pm0.4$    | $6.5\pm0.4$   | $5.6 \pm 0.4$  | $5.2\pm0.4$   |  |  |
| C                 | 36                       | 32  | 88.9 <sup>a</sup>   | 1.12 <sup>b</sup> ±0.06 | 32.3±0.67              | $8.1 \pm 0.3$  | $7.6 \pm 0.3$ | $6.4 \pm 0.4$  | $6.1 \pm 0.4$ |  |  |
| Significance      |                          |   | *                   | *                       | NS                     | NS             | NS            | NS             | NS            |  |  |
| Parity:           |                          |   |                     |                         |                        |                |               |                |               |  |  |
| $\mathbf{1^{st}}$ | 42                       | 31  | 73.8                | $1.4\pm0.13$            | 31.7±0.63 <sup>b</sup> | $7.4\pm0.3$    | $7.0\pm0.3$   | $5.7 \pm 0.4$  | $5.3\pm0.4$   |  |  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | 39                       | 30  | 76.9                | 1.3±0.09                | $32.8 \pm 0.35^{ab}$   | $7.9 \pm 0.5$  | $7.0\pm0.5$   | $6.1 \pm 0.5$  | $5.9 \pm 0.5$ |  |  |
| $3^{\rm rd}$      | 28                       | 23  | 82.1                | 1.2±0.11                | 33.6±0.36 <sup>a</sup> | 7.1±0.5        | $7.0\pm0.4$   | $6.2 \pm 0.45$ | 6.0±0.4       |  |  |
| Significance      |                          |   | NS                  | NS                      | *                      | NS             | NS            | NS             | NS            |  |  |

Means in the same column with each classification not sharing a common superscript letter differ significantly (P < 0.05). \*= P < 0.05 and NS= Not significance.

**Table (4).** Means ± standard error of litter weight (g) and Litter weight gain (g) of NZW doe rabbits fed ifferent levels of *Moringa oleifera* hay (leaves+ twigs) as a substitute for alfalfa hay in the diet.

| T.                  |                  | Litter weight (g) | at:          | Litter weight gain (g) from: |               |                 |  |
|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|--|
| Items               | Birth            | 21days            | 28days       | Birth-21 days                | Birth-28 days | 21-28 days      |  |
| Doe rabbit groups : |                  |                   |              |                              |               |                 |  |
| A (Control)         | $328.7 \pm 25.6$ | 1652.6±115.9      | 2722.3±237.6 | $1303.7 \pm 49.2$            | 2373.4±216.2  | 1069.7±137.9    |  |
| В                   | 311.1±17.8       | 1686.9±105.8      | 2853.0±203.4 | $1373.0 \pm 99.3$            | 2522.6±192.9  | 1149.59±105.5   |  |
| C                   | $355.5 \pm 14.0$ | 1760.2±88.8       | 2891.1±141.1 | 1398.4±78.1                  | 2529.2±134.0  | 1130.84±110.4   |  |
| Significance        | NS               | NS                | NS           | NS                           | NS            | NS              |  |
| Parity:             |                  |                   |              |                              |               |                 |  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>     | 329.6±14.0       | 1768.4±101.6      | 2956.9±182.2 | 1449.7±94.1                  | 2619.7±173.60 | 1169.9±97.2     |  |
| $2^{\mathrm{nd}}$   | 337.1±21.1       | 1632.5±96.3       | 2762.3±197.0 | $1278.2 \pm 79.6$            | 2408.0±182.3  | 1129.8±137.8    |  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>     | 331.6±21.6       | 1720.6±105.1      | 2751.4±163.6 | 1367.6±90.7                  | 2398.4±148.6  | $1030.8\pm80.3$ |  |
| Significance        | NS               | NS                | NS           | NS                           | NS            | NS              |  |

NS= Non-significant

**Table (5).** Means  $\pm$  standard error for bunny weight (g) and pre- weaning mortality percentage of NZW doe rabbits fed different levels of *Moringa oleifera* hay as a substituted for alfalfa hay in the diet.

|                    | Mear           | n bunny weigl | ht (g) at: | Pre-weaning mortality (%) |                |                  |               |  |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------|------------|---------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|--|
| Items              | Birth          | 21 days       | 28 days    | stillbirth                | Birth- 21 days | Birth-28<br>days | 21-28<br>days |  |
| Doe rabbit groups. | •              |               |            |                           |                |                  |               |  |
| A (Control)        | 49.9±2.4       | 300.9±19.5    | 494.8±31.4 | 6.1                       | 13.4           | 15.2             | 2.1           |  |
| В                  | 47.8± 1.9      | 317.1±16.1    | 534.3±22.2 | 10.3                      | 16.5           | 17.3             | 1.5           |  |
| C                  | 47.9±1.8       | 290.6±15.6    | 498.4±21.8 | 4.9                       | 15.4           | 18.8             | 4.4           |  |
| Significance       | NS             | NS            | NS         | NS                        | NS             | NS               | NS            |  |
| Parity:            |                |               |            |                           |                |                  |               |  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>    | 48.4±1.9       | 329.9±17.8    | 560.5±23.1 | 4.7                       | 18.8           | 20.3             | 2.7           |  |
| $2^{\rm nd}$       | 48.9±1.8       | 284.6±14.4    | 482.3±22.3 | 10.1                      | 13.1           | 15.5             | 2.8           |  |
| $3^{\rm rd}$       | $47.7 \pm 2.3$ | 288.1±15.3    | 475.7±24.8 | 6.4                       | 12.8           | 15.6             | 2.8           |  |
| Significance       | NS             | NS            | *          | NS                        | NS             | NS               | NS            |  |

NS=Not significance and \*= P < 0.05.

**Table (6).** Means ± standard error of daily milk yield (g) and milk conversion ratio of NZW doe rabbit fed different levels of *Moringa oleifera* hay as a substitute for alfalfa hay in the diet.

|                    |                      | Daily milk           | yield ((g)           | Milk conversion ratio  |                      |                            |                            |                      |  |  |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| Items              | 1 <sup>st</sup> week | 2 <sup>nd</sup> week | 3 <sup>rd</sup> week | 4 <sup>th</sup> week   | 1 <sup>st</sup> week | 2 <sup>nd</sup> week       | 3 <sup>rd</sup> week       | 4 <sup>th</sup> week |  |  |
| Doe rabbit groups: |                      |                      |                      |                        |                      |                            |                            |                      |  |  |
| A(Control)         | 107.4±10.7           | $149.9 \pm 8.6$      | $160.7 \pm 8.5$      | 131.4±7.3 <sup>b</sup> | $1.8 \pm 0.1$        | $1.9\pm0.1$                | $3.2 \pm 0.2$              | $1.7 \pm 0.2$        |  |  |
| $\boldsymbol{B}$   | 123.8±12.0           | $168.5 \pm 6.8$      | 172.5±5.7            | $152.8\pm4.7^{a}$      | $2.2 \pm 0.2$        | $2.0 \pm 0.1$              | $2.8 \pm 0.2$              | $1.7 \pm 0.2$        |  |  |
| <u>C</u>           | 124.6±7.5            | $168.3 \pm 9.2$      | 175.8±7.7            | 151.5±6.0 <sup>a</sup> | $2.1 \pm 0.2$        | $2.2 \pm 0.1$              | $2.8 \pm 0.2$              | 1.5±0.1              |  |  |
| Significance       | NS                   | NS                   | NS                   | *                      | NS                   | NS                         | NS                         | NS                   |  |  |
| Parity:            |                      |                      |                      |                        |                      |                            |                            |                      |  |  |
| $1^{\mathrm{st}}$  | $93.4 \pm 6.7^{c}$   | $159.1 \pm 7.1$      | 166.9±7.1            | 141.9±5.7              | $1.8 \pm 0.1$        | $1.8 \pm 0.1^{\mathbf{b}}$ | $2.4 \pm 0.2^{\mathbf{b}}$ | $1.4 \pm 0.1$        |  |  |
| $2^{\mathrm{nd}}$  | $122.4 \pm 10.8^{b}$ | $161.9 \pm 8.9$      | 168.1±7.8            | $146.7 \pm 7.5$        | $2.3 \pm 0.2$        | $2.1 \pm 0.2^{ab}$         | $3.2 \pm 0.2^{a}$          | $1.7 \pm 0.1$        |  |  |
| $3^{rd}$           | 150.2±8.1ª           | 167.7 ±9.6           | 176.3±7.5            | $147.8 \pm 5.1$        | $1.9 \pm 0.2$        | $2.3 \pm 0.1^{a}$          | $3.3 \pm 0.2^{a}$          | $1.9 \pm 0.2$        |  |  |
| Significance       | **                   | NS                   | NS                   | NS                     | NS                   | *                          | *                          | NS                   |  |  |

NS= Non-significant, \*= P < 0.05 and \*\*= P < 0.01,

a, b, c Means with different superscript on the same row differ significantly (P < 0.05)