

Supplemental Table 1: Mineral and amino acid content of the Maize Vegetable Diet after lyophilization and the Teklad 2020X™ Control Chow*		
	Maize Vegetable Diet	Teklad 2020™ Control Chow
<i>Minerals</i>		
Sodium mg/kg	11510	1396
Potassium mg/kg	3302	4196
Calcium mg/kg	835	8579
Phosphorous mg/kg	1963	6782
Magnesium mg/kg	783	2433
Iron mg/kg	45	191
Zinc mg/kg	18	56.4
Copper mg/kg	3	12.0
Chromium mg/kg	<1	6.68
Arsenic mg/kg	<0.05	0.11
Selenium mg/kg	0.14	0.36
Cadmium mg/kg	<0.05	<0.05
Lead mg/kg	0.22	0.1
Manganese mg/kg	11	77
<i>Amino Acids</i>		
Aspartic Acid mg/kg	4400	11100
Threonine mg/kg	2200	5900
Serine mg/kg	2800	8500
Glutamic Acid mg/kg	11500	41900
Proline mg/kg	5100	15900
Glycine mg/kg	2400	6300
Alanine mg/kg	4400	12500
Valine mg/kg	3100	8500
Isoleucine mg/kg	2200	6600
Leucine mg/kg	6900	21500
Tyrosine mg/kg	1700	6400
Phenylalanine mg/kg	3100	9800
Histidine mg/kg	1700	3900
Lysine mg/kg	1900	7800
Arginine mg/kg	2800	7400
Tryptophan mg/kg	<500	1710
Cysteine mg/kg	1150	3700
Methionine mg/kg	1020	4600
*Analyses of both diets were conducted by NP Analytic Laboratories, St. Louis Missouri		

Supplemental Table 2: Forward and reverse sequences of primers used to measure the concentration of mRNA in liver tissue				
<i>Gene</i>	<i>Sequence (5'→3')</i>	<i>Length</i>	<i>T_m</i>	<i>Slope</i>
Phosphatidylethanolamine N-Methyltransferase				-3.188
Forward primer	ACTCATGCATGCTAGTCCCA	20	58.79	
Reverse primer	AGCAGTGAAGGGCTCTTCAT	20	59.01	
Apolipoprotein B				-3.798
Forward primer	TGGCAAACATGCATAGCATCC	21	59.52	
Reverse primer	TCAAATTGGGACTCTCCTTAGC	23	58.41	
Peroxisome Proliferator Activated Receptor Alpha				-3.49
Forward primer	AGAGCCCATCTGTCCCTCTC	20	60.4	
Reverse primer	ACTGGTAGTCTGCAAAACCAAA	22	58.37	
Carnitine Palmitoyltransferase 1 Alpha				-3.423
Forward primer	CTCCGCCTGAGCCATGAAG	19	60.52	
Reverse primer	CACCAGTGATGATGCCATTCT	21	58.35	
Beta Glucuronidase				-3.322
Forward primer	CCGACCTCTCGAACAACCG	19	60.44	
Reverse primer	GCTTCCCGTTCATACCACACC	21		

Supplemental Table 3: Baseline characteristics, growth data, and hepatic concentrations of measured metabolites for different groups of weanling mice fed different diets; Maize Vegetable Diet fed for 6 days, (MVD-6), Maize Vegetable Diet fed for 13 days (MVD-13), Maize Vegetable Diet with supplemental choline, for 9 days (MVD+C), and control Chow for 13 days. Values are means \pm SE; n = number of liver tissue specimens available for analysis.

	MVD6	P Value			MVD13	P Value		MVD+C	P Value	Chow
		MVD6 vs. MVD13	MVD6 vs. MVD+C	MVD6 vs. Chow		MVD13 vs. MVD+C	MVD13 vs. Chow		MVD+C vs. Chow	
Total number of mice / Number of female mice	4 / 1				5 / 2			4 / 2		10 / 6
Start Weight	10.47 \pm 0.08	0.91	0.014	0.06	10.86 \pm 0.2	0.04	0.17	12.59 \pm 0.18	0.55	11.9 \pm 0.39
Body Wt. (g) on PND 21										
Mean Daily Wt. Gain g/day	0.35 \pm 0.08	0.36	<0.01	<0.01	0.25 \pm 0.07	0.03	<0.01	0.08 \pm 0.03	<0.01	0.59 \pm 0.03
Mean Daily Lean Wt. Gain g/day	0.32 \pm 0.03	0.08	<0.01	0.21	0.2 \pm 0.02	0.22	<0.01	0.11 \pm 0.01	<0.01	0.4 \pm 0.03
Mean Daily Fat Wt. Gain g/day	0.04 \pm 0.02	0.97	<0.01	<0.01	0.03 \pm 0.01	<0.01	<0.01	-0.06 \pm 0.01	<0.01	0.16 \pm 0.01
Wt. Adjusted Food intake g / Bw.day	0.25 \pm 0.01	0.87	0.01	0.26	0.26 \pm 0.01	<0.01	0.04	0.19 \pm 0.01	0.16	0.22 \pm 0.01
Wt. Adjusted Energy Intake Kcal / g BW.day	0.91 \pm 0.03	0.89	0.01	0.15	0.94 \pm 0.03	<0.01	0.02	0.72 \pm 0.03	0.16	0.81 \pm 0.03
Feed Efficiency Δ Wt. g / g Feed	0.12 \pm 0.01	0.02	<0.01	<0.01	0.08 \pm 0.01	0.02	<0.01	0.03 \pm 0.01	<0.01	0.17 \pm 0.01
Hepatic Methionine nmol/g	305 \pm 50 n=3	0.49	0.11	0.729	389 \pm 43 n=4	0.01	0.982	147 \pm 12 n=3	0.02	368 \pm 43 n=3
Hepatic Choline nmol/g	693 \pm 238 n=4	0.74	0.97	0.01	895 \pm 79 n=4	0.48	0.04	598 \pm 51 n=3	0.01	1532 \pm 171 n=3
Hepatic Dimethylglycine nmol/g	4.89 \pm 1.28 n=4	0.81	0.01	<0.01	8.61 \pm 1.85 n=4	0.02	0.02	24.0 \pm 2.0 n=3	0.44	31.00 \pm 5.73 n=3
Hepatic Betaine nmol/g	501 \pm 78 n=4	0.01	<0.01	0.64	1566 \pm 198 n=4	0.02	0.05	2502 \pm 252 n=3	<0.01	812 \pm 31 n=3
Hepatic TMAO nmol/g	1.25 \pm 0.86 n=4	0.96	0.01	0.97	0.15 \pm 0.03 n=4	<0.01	1.0	11.17 \pm 3.4 n=3	<0.01	0.29 \pm 0.09 n=3
Relative PEMT Expression	3.34 \pm 1.3 n=3	0.5	0.73	0.26	0.28 \pm 0.08 n=3	0.14	0.96	5.53 \pm 2.63 n=3	0.26	1.28 \pm 0.44 n=3
Relative CPT1a Expression	3.55 \pm 1.95 n=3	0.93	1.0	0.99	1.03 \pm 0.37 n=3	0.06	0.79	14.11 \pm 5.52 n=3	0.2	4.91 \pm 0.4 n=3
Relative Apo B100 Expression	2.68 \pm 1.05 n=3	0.98	1.0	0.26	0.58 \pm 0.21 n=3	0.41	0.39	2.41 \pm 1.09 n=3	0.48	1.61 \pm 0.41 n=3
Relative PPAR α Expression	0.43 \pm 0.08 n=3	0.98	0.86	0.18	0.83 \pm 0.35 n=2	0.99	0.99	1.18 \pm 0.29 n=3	0.48	2.63 \pm 1.21 n=3
Hepatic Fat % Objects staining red in liver	0.72 \pm 0.01 n=3	0.99	0.01	0.01	0.71 \pm 0.01 n=2	0.03	0.03	0.18 \pm 0.12 n=4	1.0	0.183 \pm 0.1 n=4

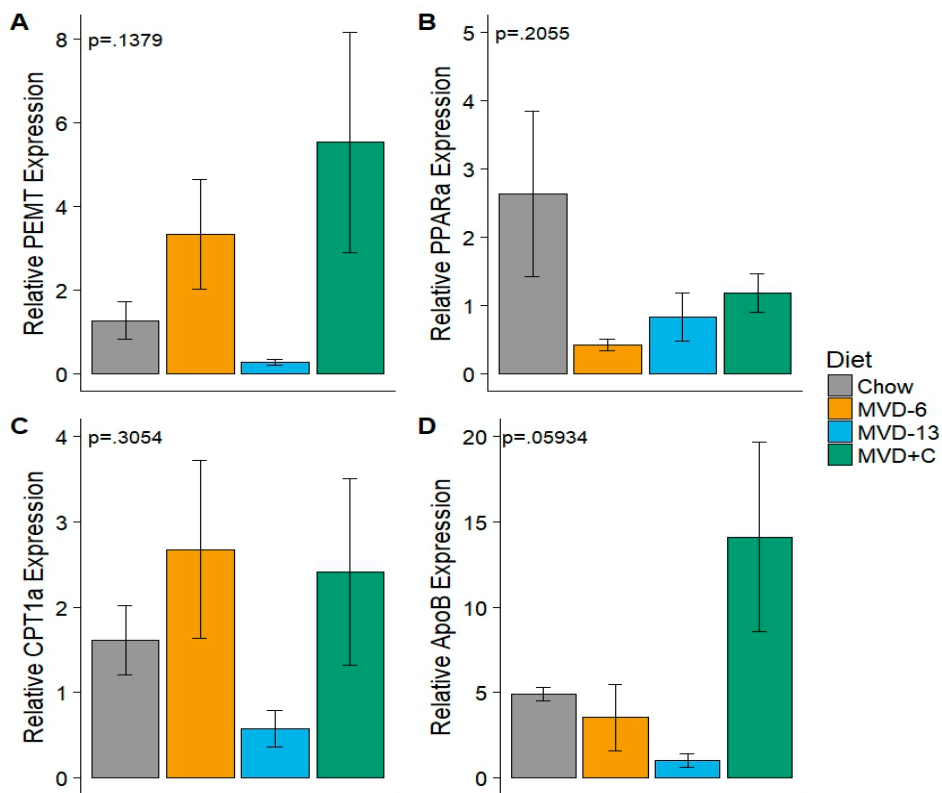


Figure S1. Hepatic concentrations of mRNA transcripts in weanling mice fed the control chow diet ($n = 3$), the maize vegetable diet (MVD) for 6 days (MVD-6; $n = 4$) or 13 days (MVD-13; $n = 4$), or the MVD with supplemental choline for 9 days (MVD + C; $n = 3$). (A) phosphatidylethanolamine methyltransferase (PEMT); (B) peroxisomal proliferator activated receptor- α (PPAR- α); (C) carnitine palmitoyl transferase 1a (CPT1a); and (D) apolipoprotein-B100 (ApoB). Values are expressed as $2^{\Delta Ct}$ relative to β -glucuronidase. Bars represent mean values \pm SE.