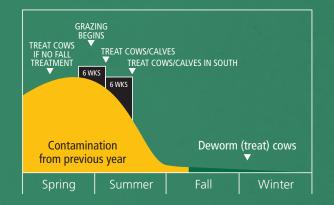


#### **ACT DECISIVELY**

### **EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES**

Dairy cows exposed to moderate or high levels of parasites, grazing pastures or running on contaminated lots are at greatest risk. These cows should receive treatment at freshening and again after six weeks. The "0-6" program is based on the six-to-seven-week life cycle of gastrointestinal parasites in the adult cow.



Dairy cows exposed to low levels of parasites need to be treated only at freshening or as a herd once a year, preferably in late fall.

#### **DEWORMING THE TRANSITION GROUPS**

Recognize that transition cows have different energy needs from other cows in the milking rotation.

- Feeding Safe-Guard dewormer in the first transition period will reduce internal parasite loads.
- The key is to deworm the "group" with Safe-Guard on a specific day, on a regular schedule.

## FEWER WORMS, HEALTHIER CATTLE, HIGHER PROFITABILITY

- Safe-Guard is proven to kill the most damaging internal parasites.
- Safe-Guard is proven to have no measureable negative impact on dung beetles, earthworms and other beneficial organisms.
- Safe-Guard has zero milk withdrawal.
- Safe-Guard is the only dewormer available in formulations that can be used both chuteside – drench, pastes and now liquid feed – and on pasture – blocks, minerals and feed products for effective season-long control.
- It can cost up to \$2/head in labor to process cattle, so deworming with a Safe-Guard non-handling formulation can impact your bottom-line.

	CATTLE HANDLING	FORMULATIONS -	SAFE-GUARD	
FORMULATIONS	DESCRIPTION	SIZE	DOSE	APPLICATION RATE
Paste	Low-dose volume paste     Specially designed metal hook for convenient dosing	290-g paste cartridge     92-g paste syringe	Each 290-g paste cartridge deworms 29 head of 440-lb. cattle     Each 92-g paste cartridge deworms eight head of 500-lb. cattle	Single-dose application
Oral Suspension	Low-dose volume suspension offers stressless dewormer application     Easy-to-use applicator gun for accurate dose	Gallons     1-liter bottles	Each gallon deworms 330 head of 500-lb. cattle     Each liter bottle deworms 86 head of 500-lb. cattle	• Single-dose application
CA	TTLE NON-HANDLI	NG FORMULATION	S – SAFE-GUARD	
0.5% Pellets	<ul> <li>Alfalfa-based pellet for improved palatability</li> <li>For top-dress feeding</li> </ul>	Animal Health Distributor: • 1 lb., 5 lb., 10 lb. bags	• 1/2 lb. per 500 lbs. body weight	• Feed for one day
PELLETS/ Crumbles	Palatable pellets/crumbles for use when adding to rations or top-dress feeding	Packaging may vary by Feed Manufacturer	Read and follow label directions	• Feed for one day
Cattle Cubes	High-quality range cubes for pasture feeding	Packaging may vary by Feed Manufacturer	Read and follow label directions	Follow label directions
Feed Manufacturer Free-choice <b>Mineral</b>	Formulations vary by company	Packaging may vary by Feed Manufacturer	Read and follow label directions	Follow label directions
Free-Choice Mineral (20% salt)	Convenient, palatable formulation:	Animal Health Distributor: • 25-lb. plastic pail (20% salt)	• 8 oz. or 1/2 lb. per 500 lbs. body weight	• Feed over a three-to-six- day period
1.96% Scoop Dewormer	• Two convenient formulations: Flaked meal and soft mini-pellets Unique, high-concentration, low-volume dose	Animal Health Distributor: • 25-lb. plastic pail	• 1/4 lb. per 1,000 lbs. body weight	• Feed for one day
Liquid Feed	Free-choice complete liquid feed	• Cattle Liquid Feed Supplier	• 9 lb. per 1,000 lbs. body weight	• Feed Free- choice over a 3-6 day period

#### Consult your local veterinarian for assistance in the diagnosis, treatment and control of parasitism.

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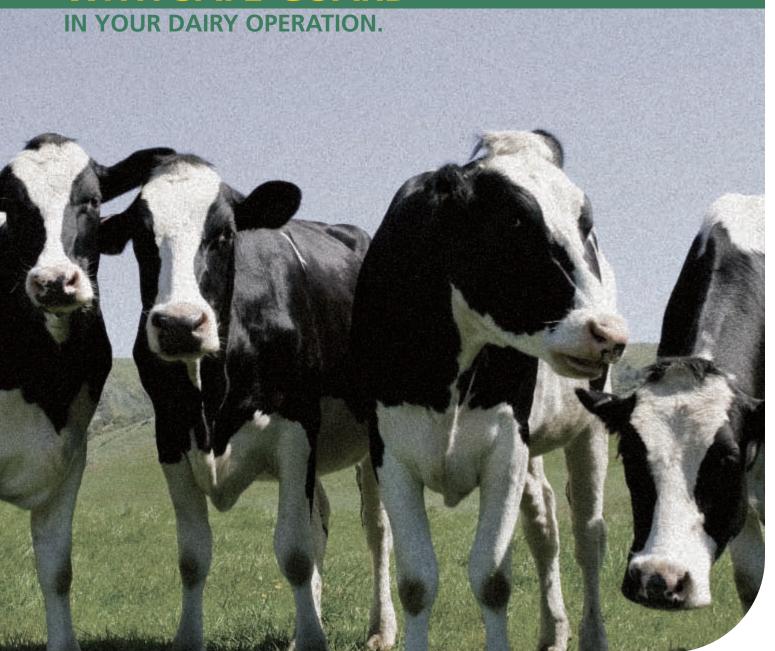
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## TAKE CONTROL OF **INTERNAL PARASITES**

## WITH SAFE-GUARD





# INEFFECTIVE WORM CONTROL IN LACTATING AND DRY COWS: THE COSTS ADD UP.

#### THE POUR-ON PROBLEM

- ▶ Pour-on deworming has been widely used for over 25 years to combat internal parasites in dairy cattle. The problem is worms are increasingly tolerant to this class of dewormer and are becoming resistant.
- ▶ Pour-on dewormers can be inconsistently absorbed. Over time, continuous use can lead to selection for pour-on resistant worms that produce offspring carrying resistant genes.

#### REPLACEMENT HEIFERS

A study that examined the effects of an eight-week strategic fenbendazole deworming program on 539 heifers showed that the heifers treated with fenbendazole increased weight by 107 pounds and reached breeding size 68 days earlier compared to the control group<sup>2</sup>. Heifers with a lower parasite burden deliver a better return on investment. They are able to better maximize their feed intake which allows them to enter the milk stream 68 days earlier which means a savings of \$2 to \$3 per head, per day. Lower parasite burden also means better conception rates so cattle are more productive.

#### SAFE-GUARD-THE STRAIGHT-TO-THE-GUT SOLUTION

Safe-Guard® dewormer, powered by fenbendazole, works differently than the pour-on dewormers. It goes straight-to-the-gut, delivering a lethal dose right where the worms live and breed. And Safe-Guard works fast to kill worms and stop egg shedding and pasture contamination.

#### **COMPLETE CONTROL**

- to your operation. They all can cause serious harm to your bottom line. That's why it pays to compare dairy dewormers to make sure your dewormer delivers broad spectrum control.
- ► There is no one species of worm that is more or less damaging ► Safe-Guard is the only registered *fenbendazole* product on the market that's proven successful against the internal parasites that have the most potential to steal performance



When a cow freshens, stress on her immune system increases dramatically. As this image of lymph nodes illustrates, a parasite burden hinders the cow's ability to fight off disease-causing pathogens. In fact, research shows that parasitized dairy cattle can't effectively respond to vaccination programs<sup>3</sup>



#### PRODUCTION LOSS IN LACTATING COWS

Ineffective deworming can lead to significant milk loss – as much as

POUNDS MILK PER DAY LESS<sup>1</sup>

#### PRODUCTION LOSSES IN DAIRY COWS DUE TO INTERNAL PARASITES

Table 1: Published trials measuring parasite effect on milk production in lactating dairy cows following anthelmintic treatment.

STUDY LOCATION	NO. OF HERDS	NO. OF COWS	DEWORMING STRATEGY	RESULTS
Wisconsin <sup>a</sup>	22	1,003	Dewormed Once Avg. 144 DIM*	+1.2 1b./day or +366 lb./lactation
Wisconsin <sup>b</sup>	1	48	All cows exposed** To parasites Cows <90DIM 1# = 200 lb. / lactation	+6.4 lb. / day +1,280 lb. / lactation
Wisconsin <sup>c</sup>	12	488	Dewormed at Freshening	+ 423 lb. / lactation
Vermont <sup>d</sup>	9	267	Parasite free First 90 days***	+ 534 lb. / lactation
Pennsylvania <sup>e</sup>	9	180	Parasite free First 90 days	+769 lb. / lactation
North Carolina <sup>f</sup>	5	160	Parasite free First 90 days	+1,075 lb. / lactation
England <sup>9</sup>	1	210	Parasite free First 90 days	+827.2 lb. / lactation
Australia <sup>h</sup>	1	58	Parasite free First 90 days	+338.8 lb. / lactation
Netherlands <sup>i</sup>	81	2,025	Dewormed prior To freshening	+292.4 lb. / lactation
England <sup>j</sup>	9	268	Dewormed prior To freshening	+380.6 lb. / lactation
Overall	150 Herds	4,707 cows	One to three dewormings In early lactation	+628.6 lb. / lactation
*DIM = days in milk. **	Artificially expos	sed to parasite	larvae. ***First 90 days of lactation.	

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## STRATEGICALLY. **ACT DECISIVE**

By carefully following a strategic deworming program with Safe-Guard, dairy producers can realize economic benefits from lactating cows and replacement heifers that far outweigh the costs.

- Replacement heifers attain maximum growth and development to reach breeding size unhampered by parasites.
- Replacement heifers are "parasite free," so as not to introduce any new infections to the milking herd.
- Control measures are in place for all cows exposed to any parasite contamination levels.
- Lactating cows attain maximum lactation potential, unhampered by parasites.
- Deworming dollars are not wasted on cows in late lactation, on dry cows or on parasitefree animals.

#### THINK STRATEGICALLY

#### **GET TESTED**

How do you know if your dewormer is effective? Run a Fecal Egg Count Reduction Test (FECRT). It's quick and effective. Pull samples from 20 random animals, no matter the herd size. Test before deworming and then test again 14 days later. If average egg worm counts for the group decline by 90 percent or more, you know your dewormer is working and your cattle are performing. It's that simple.

