



# For more than two decades, Safe-Guard® delivers

Eldon Fry • Quitman, Arkansas

Eldon Fry expects top performance from the products he uses in his preconditioning stocker operation in Quitman, Arkansas. In return, he remains loyal to the products that have helped keep his herd profitable and healthy for the past 20 years.

In the mid-1990's, Fry shifted his operation from a cow-calf focus to stockers. With the change to preconditioning of young calves, he looked for a fast and effective dewormer that could better support early growth and development, conditioning and weight gain. Safe-Guard® (*fenbendazole*) became his product of choice.

Fry typically starts his calves on pasture ground and then moves them onto higher-energy feed rations over a 45 to 60-day cycle. Because the cattle are shipped from a variety of locations and backgrounds, internal parasites are a major concern for the operator.

"We usually run from 6,000 to 8,000 head of stockers – covering all breeds. Most come from the Southeast, with some coming out of Arkansas. But all are sale barn cattle," he said. "I started using Safe-Guard in 1986 and have been using it ever since. It cleans out the cattle really well and controls internal parasites on the front end of the feeding program."

With thousands of cattle to handle, Fry said he needs a product that performs consistently and is easy to work with. "Safe-Guard is very easy to handle," he said. "Plus, it's safe, since you never have to worry about administering too much."

The true performance test, of course, comes when his stockers step on the scale. He accredits a portion of the success to an effective internal parasite program. "Weight gains have been good," Fry said. "With quality inputs used, my stockers typically gain 1 to 1-1/4 pounds a day during the fall and winter, and 1-1/2 to 2 pounds in the spring and summer."

According to Fry, there is only one reason why a cattle producer will continue using the same product for more than two decades: it works. "Safe-Guard has been a good product for me," he said. "We plan to keep it on the input list for a long time to come."

If you would like to reach Eldon Fry to learn more about how he uses Safe-Guard in his operation you may contact him at 501-250-7128.



## Deworm with Safe-Guard® (*fenbendazole*)

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- Works differently than pour-on dewormers. Can be effective against worms resistant to pour-on and injectable dewormers<sup>1</sup>.
- Applied directly to the cattle's gut, where the worms are. Pour-ons can be inconsistently absorbed<sup>2</sup>.
- An essential part of a strategic deworming program to stop the cycle of re-infection.
- Available in convenient chute-side and feed-type formulations.
- Safe-Guard has a slaughter withdrawal of between eight and 13 days, depending on product formulation.
- Call 1.800.521.5767 or visit [www.intervetusa.com](http://www.intervetusa.com).

FECRT is the most accurate method of testing for parasite egg counts and is offered at no charge by Intervet/Schering-Plough Animal Health. For more information on FECRT and how to determine the efficacy of a deworming program, cattlemen should contact their veterinarian, county extension agent, or call Intervet/Schering-Plough Animal Health at 800.521.5767.

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

<sup>1</sup>Merial bovine practitioner communication.

<sup>2</sup>Dectomax Product Monograph (1996), Pfizer Animal Health. Bousquet-Mélou, Alain, Sonia Mercadier, Michel Alvinerie and Pierre-Louis Toutain, Endectocide exchanges between grazing cattle after pour-on administration of doramectin, ivermectin and moxidectin, International Journal for Parasitology, 2004; Cattle Today, March 17, 2007.

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