



## Safe-Guard® (*fenbendazole*) supports herd health for improved conception rates.

Mike Adams · Adams Ranch · Ft. Pierce, Florida

The hot, humid climate of southern Florida can be harsh on cattle – but nearly perfect for parasite contamination on rangeland. Mike Adams, a third generation rancher who manages his family’s land and cattle operation, is all too familiar with this scenario regarding the 55,000 acres where he runs 10,000 Braford-based brood cows.

“With the abundance of water, humidity and high temperatures, Florida has optimum conditions for internal parasites,” says Adams. “To keep thresholds low we’ve put a lot of thought into our deworming program and identified products that go above and beyond in performance.”

For 15 years, Adams has been using Safe-Guard® (*fenbendazole*) drench in combination with a liver fluke treatment. According to Adams, this combination keeps his cattle parasite-free, which improves key maternal characteristics like conception rates, gestation and milk production.

Prior to using Safe-Guard, Adams had significant issues with conception rates which he partially accredits to poor performing dewormers. “The core of our operation is breeding, so it’s critical that we have as close to 100 percent conception rate as possible,” he says. “We can’t afford for ineffective dewormers to interfere with the long-term health objectives and conception rates of our stock.

“Using Safe-Guard in conjunction with the right vaccines has contributed to increasing our breeding percentages and keeping health issues to a minimum,” Adams concludes.

### Do you know if your dewormer is working? The proof is in the test.

A Fecal Egg Count Reduction Test (FECRT) is the most accurate method of testing for parasite egg counts and 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 800-441-8272.

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

Think strategically, Act decisively<sup>SM</sup>

- Works differently than pour-on dewormers. Can be effective against worms resistant to pour-on and injectable dewormers.
- Applied directly to the cattle’s gut, where the worms are. Pour-ons can be inconsistently absorbed.
- 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 1.800.441.8272 or visit [www.intervetusa.com](http://www.intervetusa.com).