



“If you’re feeding worms, you’re wasting money.”

Billy Neher, Manager · Pruet Ranch · Ashdown, Arkansas

Billy Neher, manager of Pruet Ranch outside of Ashdown, Arkansas, is responsible for the health of a diverse cattle operation. His challenge; a cow/calf herd of 2,100 Angus crossbreds, 1,200 head of Corriente roping stock, and 3,000 stockers. The one thing common to all is that Neher relies on a strong vaccination and Safe-Guard® (*fenbendazole*) deworming program to keep his animals healthy and his operation running smoothly.

“A few years back, Intervet brought in a veterinarian to conduct Fecal Egg Count Reduction Tests (FECRT) on local ranchers’ cattle,” says Neher. “They had everyone bring fecal samples from their herds and spent one whole day testing Pruet-area cattle. I’d bought some stocker cattle from south Texas and dewormed them with Safe-Guard. I also bought some from Florida and dewormed them with Ivomec®. The tests showed that the cattle dewormed with Safe-Guard were worm-free in eight hours versus the one week it took for the Ivomec to work. Using a fast-acting dewormer is money well spent.”

Neher says he can’t afford not to utilize a good deworming regimen because worms steal profit. Cattle with internal parasite problems generally eat less and gain less weight, which is not efficient given the rising cost of feed.

“I’ve been using Safe-Guard off and on for 20 plus years and it still works better than any other product out there,” he says. “If you want to make a profit and keep your animals healthy, don’t scrimp or cut corners on a dewormer. This winter’s been a good example. I had a group of steers that were having a hard time gaining weight. We drenched them with Safe-Guard. Their health got better and they started putting on weight,” Neher concludes.

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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- Applied directly to the cattle’s gut, where the worms are. Pour-ons can be inconsistently absorbed.
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- Available in convenient chute-side and feed-type formulations.
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