



Safe-Guard® (*fenbendazole*) supports weight gain for improved conception rates at Nebraska show cattle operation.

Kris Luoma · Arcadia, Nebraska

Quality versus quantity is Kris Luoma's strategy for success. Based near the Nebraska Sandhills, Luoma runs 80 Angus-foundation brood cows with the objective of producing high percentage Maine Anjou and Simmental crossbred show cattle.

Aligned with Power Genetics Company, an organization that supports cattlemen with 'verifiable' beef production protocols, Luoma relies on genetic and healthcare recommendations to enhance herd performance. Luoma closely follows Power Genetics Process Verified Passport Program – a five-level health protocol that endorses deworming schedules for cows and calves.

Proper deworming, as far as timing and product quality, is critical to his herd's overall health. A long time user of Safe-Guard® (*fenbendazole*), the Nebraska cattleman says consistent performance is why he sees no reason to make a change. "Safe-Guard is one of those products where the results are significant."

Most impressive is the weight gain achieved in his calves when using Safe-Guard. To verify his results, Luoma initiated his own on-farm evaluation to assess performance. "We treated with Safe-Guard mineral in the summer. At weaning we administered vaccinations followed by a drench treatment of Safe-Guard. At that same time we weighed the calves so we could track average rate of gain over the next couple of weeks. At 23 days, we re-weighed – with gains ranging between four to nearly six pounds per day."

Luoma supplements his pastures with Safe-Guard minerals and pellet. "To extend health through our cow's gestation, we are also deworming with a second Safe-Guard treatment in the fall following pregnancy checks," he says.

When asked about his success in producing top quality show cattle, Luoma says, "it's not just one thing – but a hundred things you do to keep your herd at the highest level of performance. Safe-Guard is one of those inputs that keep us progressive, successful and profitable."

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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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