



Ten years of tests show 90 to 95 percent efficacy for Panacur® (*fenbendazole*).

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As a bovine practitioner responsible for the health of 10,000 beef cattle, and his own 1,400-head cow/calf operation, Dr. Larry Letner knows what's good for his clients' cattle is also good for his own — and it includes a systematic deworming program with Panacur® (*fenbendazole*).

“A good herd health program is key to the success of our customers,” says Letner. “We are a program-based practice that recommends maintenance healthcare as a way to avoid surprises.”

An advocate of internal parasite evaluation, Letner has held producer clinics for the past 10 years to conduct Fecal Egg Count Reduction Tests (FECRT), the industry protocol for threshold parasite identification. He performs approximately 200-300 tests at his annual clinic each spring and maintains detailed records of his clients' results. His records show that cattle treated with Panacur have a 90-95 percent efficacy compared to a 48 percent efficacy for cattle treated with pour-on ivermectins.

“I keep track of all the animals, the deworming product used, and the results of the FECRT tests. Therefore, I can show that a strong strategic deworming program can result in a significant decline in parasites and an increase in the overall health of animals,” says Letner. “For 90 to 95 percent of the cattle in my care, to be 100 percent worm-free is quite remarkable.”

Letner says a good deworming strategy can also increase pregnancy rates, reduce feed costs, increase gain, reduce morbidity, and increase the general health and condition of animals. “New clients who haven't used Panacur generally react to the recommendation with skepticism. But I tell them that within two weeks they'll notice an improvement in their cattle and in a month they will see a difference from the road. After they see the results they're on board.”

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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