



Worm control in heifers improves from 52 to 95 percent by rotating to Safe-Guard® (*fenbendazole*).

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As a professional heifer developer, Dr. Phillip Osborne has always maintained sound animal health protocols, from vaccinations to deworming.

Although he has had a solid deworming program in place for years, Osborne teamed up with his area Intervet Animal Health Specialist, Tony Brubaker, to verify its effectiveness.

In a group of 82 heifers, half were treated with Safe-Guard® (*fenbendazole*) cattle dewormer (paste application) and the other half with generic pour-on. Using the Fecal Egg Count Reduction Test (FECRT), the industry protocol for parasite threshold identification, Osborne observed a 95 percent fecal egg count reduction in the first group, compared to a 52 percent fecal egg count reduction in the second.

“We run some fecal tests each year, but this demonstrates the benefits of rotating dewormer chemistry and not letting anthelmintic resistance build up in a herd,” Osborne says.

Osborne says most cattlemen in his region deworm at least once or twice a year. Under his recommendation, he is endorsing rotation strategies of modes of action (dewormer chemistries) and encouraging the use of FECRT.

“Once folks start testing, they’ll see the impact a strategic deworming program can have on their herd and its health,” he adds.

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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- 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.
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