



Duddingtonia flagrans WHAT IS IT?

A natural strain of fungus isolated from the environment, found around the world, with application as a biological control for larvae of parasitic nematodes of grazing animals.





Duddingtonia flagrans WHY DO WE NEED IT?

- Resistance to anthelmintics is getting worse all the time
- Need for reduced reliance on chemicals to control worms.
- Emergence of integrated parasite management (IPM) programs.





Duddingtonia flagrans HOW DO WE USE IT?

- Firstly complete Faecal Egg Count (FEC)
- Based on FEC results, treat the animals with an effective chemical wormer/anthelmintic
- Move animals onto low-worm pasture
- Administer D. flagrans in daily rations





Duddingtonia flagrans HOW DOES IT WORK?

- By feeding a supplement containing inert fungal spores which pass into the manure, having no effect within the animal.
- Breaks the parasites' life cycle by trapping, paralysing and consuming infective larvae within the animal's manure.
- Equally-effective against resistant parasites





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- D. flagrans is a natural organism isolated in Australia by CSIRO in early 1990's
- Products are safe for animals, people and the environment
- Products are palatable, easy to use and have good shelf life.















Commercially, the most important roundworms/nematodes for cattle, sheep & goats are:



- Haemonchus spp. No.1 in the world and occurs in warm and moist regions, mostly mixed infections and occurs globally
- Teladorsagia (Ostertagia) spp. No.1 in the world in temperate climates, mostly mixed infections and occurs globally
- Trichostrongylus spp. Mostly in mixed infections, globally
- Nematodirus spp. Mainly temperate climate, mostly mixed infections, globally
- Cooperia spp. Mainly in warm and moist regions, mostly mixed infections, globally

Mixed infections = several worm species, as above infecting the host animal at the same time.





Commercially, the most important roundworms/nematodes for horses are:



- •*Cyathostomins* (small strongyles (small red worms or cyathostomes) No.1 problem in horses worldwide. Mostly in mixed infections.
- *Parascaris equorum*. Ascarids A serious problem, particularly for young animals, globally. *Strongylus spp.* One of the most harmful parasites of horses. Mostly in mixed infections. *Strongyloides westeri* A serious threat for young foals, mainly in warm and moist regions, globally.
- •Trichostrongylus axei A serious problem worldwide, particularly for young animals. •Habronema spp. - Can be regionally quite important. Found globally.

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Duddingtonia flagrans reduces the number of gastrointestinal nematodes (GIN) larvae on pasture, which is significantly greater than a chemical wormer can do within the animal

(overall averages below):

84% HORSES 81% CATTLE 86% GOATS 68%







There is widespread chemical resistance and multi-resistance in production animals (sheep, cattle & goats) including:

Haemonchus (Barber's Pole or wire worm), Teladorsagia (Brown stomach worm), Trichlostronglus (Black Scour or Hair worm), *Cooperia* spp. (Intestinal Worm), *Nematodirus* (Thread-necked Worm)



The extent of resistance is best documented in production animals and a recent survey of sheep in Australia (Playford *et al.*, 2014) found widespread resistance in the common sheep parasites (*Teladorsagia,Trichostrongylus* and *Haemonchus*) to broad-spectrum anthelmintics:



96% prevalence for benzimidazoles

96% prevalence for levamisole

87% prevalence for ivermectin

77% prevalence for abamectin

54% prevalence for moxidectin



Study published by Meat & Livestock Australia Limited (Lane *et al.*, 2015) estimates the total losses per annum due to internal parasites:



- Sheep \$A436 million (\$US327m/\$EU305m) with production losses ranging from \$1.29 \$28.29 per animal
- Cattle \$A93.6 million (\$US70m/\$EU66m) with production losses ranging from \$0.44 \$3.59 per animal
- Goats \$A2.54 million (\$US1.9m/\$EU1.8m) with production losses ranging from \$0 \$5.34 per animal

Separately there is no production loss data for horses but the estimated annual costs of worming ranges from **\$A15.00 - \$120.00** per animal.





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Did you know: It has been estimated 10% of the parasite population is within the host animal vs 90% is on the pasture.

http://www.wormboss.com.au/tests-tools/management-tools/drench-resistance/using-refugia-to-prolong-drench-life.php





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- If 10% of worms are within the animal and a wormer is 95% (?) effective: 10 x 0.95% = 9.5% reduction
- If 90% worms are on pasture and Df is 70% effective: 90% x 0.70 = 63% (7 times more) via manure





Active Constituents: Each gram contains: a minimum of 500,0000 chlamydospores



Daily feeding rates: 6g/100kg bodyweight

Available: Premixers, Feedmills and Veterinarians

Withholding periods: Meat & Milk: 0 days

Packsizes: 7.5kg, 15kg, 25kg and 1000kg



Active Constituents: Each gram contains: a minimum of 30,000 chlamydospores

Daily feeding rates: 100g/100kg bodyweight

Available: Stores & End users

Withholding periods: Meat & Milk: 0 days

Packsizes: 7.5kg and 15kg pails 10kg and 20kg bags (late 2018)







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