Successful water medication

In order to be successful with water medication you need good water quality, a suitable drinking water system and products that have the right formulation. Investing time and money in these requirements is part of good farming practice and will pay off in terms of animal performance and health.



WATER QUALITY

Make sure that the water is suitable. Check at least Total number of bacteria and coliform bacteria per ml, hardness, pH, Iron and Manganese.



SOURCE IS IMPORTANT

Water from the water company is of good and constant quality. Well water quality depends on the location and depth of the source, but in general a purification system is needed.

CHECK THE WATER QUALITY AT LEAST 2X/YEAR

Take samples from 2 locations:

- ✓ right after purification
- ✓ where the animals drink



Collect the first 1 to 3 litres in a clean white bucket, and fill the sample bottles from this



Send them to a lab immediately for testing both bacteriological and chemical quality



Watch the "Testing water quality" video

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WATER MEDICATION

Are you aware of the impact of worm infestations on your farm?



Economic impact

Roundworms can hurt your farm's finances. They slow down animal growth, increase feed costs, and reduce the value of the carcass. They can even lead to respiratory diseases.



Why invest in a good deworming program?





Reduced risk of other respiratory infections (fewer antibiotics used)



Enhanced animal welfare

b By preventing and treating roundworms, you can protect your farm's bottom line and keep your animals healthy and profitable.

Deworming still makes sense



Worm treatment is a key strategic pillar to increase productivity.

Timing is key



When animals eat an infectious egg, it takes about 6 weeks to develop into adult worms that start releasing new eggs. This six-week period is crucial for planning a proper deworming schedule.

With longer treatment intervals, it is not possible to reduce the number of eggs in the environment.

Dosing is crucial

In order to maximize efficacy:



Each group of animals needs to be **treated with the correct intervals**. Treatment through drinking water allows you to start medication whenever needed.

• Every animal needs to get the correct dose. With a formulation that is easy to mix with water and does not precipitate, there is no risk that animals will get a dose that is too low (inefficacy, risk of resistance), or too high (bad taste or toxic).

Diagnosis is important: discuss with your vet!



Consult your veterinarian to develop a deworming plan tailored to your farm.

Importance of parasite cycle

- Ascaris suum is the most common worm causing milk spot liver.
- Larvae of embryonated eggs migrate through the liver and lungs before growing into adult worms in the gut.
- Adult worms easily shed more then 200,000 eggs per day!



- 1 Excretion with the faeces of eggs that are very resistant
- 2 In the environment, eggs pass from non-infective, non-embryonated to infective, embryonated eggs
- 3 Swallowing of infective eggs
- 4 Larvae from the eggs travel through the digestive mucosa and move to the liver, causing white spots
- 5 Larvae migrate up through the lungs and are swallowed
- Larvae become adult worms in the gut and start producing eggs

▶ This migration causes damage in the liver and lungs making them more vulnerable to respiratory diseases.