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## DEWORMING SCHEDULE

Recent research has shown that 80% of the parasite egg population comes from 20% of the equine population on a given farm indicating most horses are resistant to parasites. Parasite resistance to dewormers is increasing due to frequent deworming and no new classes of dewormers are currently being developed.

Ideally, a fecal egg count would be performed to determine if your horse is resistant to parasites and a deworming program (most likely less frequently than the one below) would be recommended. Please contact our office if you are interested in this program. If you have elected not to participate in this program, below is a recommended deworming program.

Decreasing your horse's exposure to parasites by weekly removing manure from your horse's paddock is an important component of this program.

**April 1** – pyrantel pamoate (Strongid)

**June 1** – ivermectin (Zimectrin)

**August 1** – moxidectin (Quest) \* **see note below**

**November 1** – ivermectin + praziquantel (Zimectrin Gold or Equimax)

- **Note for Quest and Quest Plus:** Accurate weight determination is important. A weight tape can be used to estimate your horse's weight. **Do not use Quest or Quest Plus in severely underweight horses.** Use ivermectin when Quest is recommended and Equimax or Zimectrin Gold when Quest Plus is recommended.
- **Horses on daily dewormer** (Strongid-C, Strongid C2x, or Continue-X):
  - December 15: Equimax or Zimectrin Gold
  - June 15: Quest Plus, if not available, then Zimectrin Gold or Equimax)
- Rinse your horse's mouth with water or wait until they are not eating before deworming to ensure accurate dosing.
- New horses to the herd – have fecal egg count performed, deworm with ivermectin, and then isolate for 4 days.
- Please call for a deworming schedule for horses less than 1 year of age and pregnant mares.
- All deworming products mentioned in the schedule are available through our office for your convenience