

Deworming Recommendations for Georgia 2014

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In the past, veterinarians and parasitologists recommended a herd-based strategy which instructed owners to deworm every two months and to rotate between dewormers. Recent data, however, indicates that parasites are becoming resistant to our drugs and a more individualized approach is indicated based on bi-annual fecal egg counts.

ADULT HORSES

JANUARY

1. Submit a fecal sample from all horses to your veterinarian to ensure adequate control of parasites.
DO THIS PRIOR TO TREATMENT!
2. Treat all horses with **Moxidectin and Praziquantal** (Quest Plus)
 - Critical time of year to prevent strongyle egg shedding
 - Moxidectin performs a larvicidal deworming
 - Cleans out bots and tapeworms
 - ***Identify low, moderate or high egg shedders**
 - Ensure to dose by your horse's body weight

NOTE: It may be recommended that some extremely high egg shedders be dewormed with an Ivermectin *first* to decrease the adult worm load before the Moxidectin larvicidal deworming is performed. This will be determined by your veterinarian from the fecal egg count results and previous history of deworming.

MARCH/APRIL

1. Submit a fecal sample to your veterinarian on moderate and high egg shedders
2. If treatment is needed then use **Oxibendazole** (Anthelcide) and **Pyrantel Pamoate** (Strongid).
(If Ivermectin was used prior to Moxidectin/Praziquantal then no additional treatment is needed.)

NO further treatment is needed until September due to the heat and environment in Georgia

SEPTEMBER

1. Submit a fecal sample to your veterinarian to determine if your horse is a low, moderate or high egg shedder. **DO THIS PRIOR TO TREATMENT!**
2. Treat all horses with **Ivermectin and Praziquantal** (Equimaxx OR Zimectrin Gold)
 - Treat to prevent egg shedding at a time of year when conditions for transmission are more favorable (cool)
 - Clean out tapeworms acquired over spring and summer

NOVEMBER

Treat all moderate and high egg shedders with **Oxibendazole** (Anthelcide) and **Pyrantel Pamoate** (Strongid)

FOALS/ WEANLINGS/ MINIATURE HORSES

CONSULT WITH YOUR VETERINARIAN