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COMBINATION POUR-ON FOR CATTLE



Sheedy Family

PROPERTY:

Glenn Innes, NSW

MAIN FARMING ACTIVITIES:

Santa, Santa Cross, Mixed Steers and Cross Breed Lambs

SIZE OF THE ENTERPRISE:

Approx 18,000 Acres

NUMBER OF CATTLE:

3,000



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The 4th generation of the Sheedy family are running a successful beef cattle operation at Rosehill, on the Northern Tablelands of the New England region, and on a couple of properties further west.

Regular drenching has always played a part in producing healthy and heavy cattle, but recently the Sheedy's results have been more impressive than usual. Rex puts it this way: "If someone said to me how come your cattle look so well, I'd simply say, we used ECLIPSE!"

Rex started using ECLIPSE because he had begun to suspect there may be resistance developing in the roundworms on his property. His cattle hadn't been performing too well and he had heard many reports of drench resistance being found in cattle around Australia. He decided to switch to dual acting ECLIPSE Combination Pour-On to try and combat the increasing threat of resistant worm populations.*

"It stood to reason that the decline in performance could be a result of drench resistance so I was keen to give ECLIPSE a try so see what would happen."

"We weaned our maiden cows early and hit them all with ECLIPSE. If you went out and saw them now you'd think we had a special paddock with extra feed for them because they've absolutely packed on weight. Their coats are looking great and I think it's the best result we've ever had with a drench," says Rex.

"ECLIPSE has been phenomenal in a really tough season when there wasn't a lot of food and the water shortage was bad. Even

our old cows that calved a month earlier were looking great and I believe it was all down to ECLIPSE."

Rex says that ultimately translates to the bottom line. "Any extra kilos on an old cow, at \$1.40 a kilo, are extra dollars that you've got to play with if you're going to send them to the abattoirs. Even if you decide to keep them, the extra kilos they've got on before it gets tough means they're going to get through a bad winter easier. Rather than if they're in poor shape because you've used an inferior drench."

"I'd say the results with ECLIPSE are 50 per cent better again than the best experience we've ever had using any other drench and that makes life a lot easier for us," he says. It's a peace of mind that now allows Rex and his wife Julie, to regularly leave the running of their 18,000 acres of farms to their two sons. This allows them to spend time pursuing their great passion of breeding and competing cutting horses, so much so that both have achieved major national and international recognition in the sport.

"If it's dry and we didn't have the response from ECLIPSE we've had, we'd have to stay at home and keep an eye on everything. But, because ECLIPSE is working so well we can say we'll go away and compete this weekend because we know things are right," Rex Sheedy says.

"To any farmer asking themselves whether to use ECLIPSE I'd say come and look at the cattle we did just eight weeks ago and look at the result."



