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COMBINATION POUR-ON FOR CATTLE



Mark Doust

PROPERTY:

Grahams Valley, NSW

MAIN FARMING ACTIVITIES:

Angus Cattle and Crossbred Sheep

SIZE OF THE ENTERPRISE:

Approx 3,000 Acres

NUMBER OF CATTLE:

1,000



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After 25 years of managing Stonehenge, a mixed cattle and sheep operation currently running about 900 Angus cattle, 1,000 sheep and 1,500 lambs on black flats that run into hilly country near Glen Innes, Mark Doust was running into big worm and lice problems with his cattle. And it wasn't because he hadn't been vigilant with drenching.

"I drench cattle about 2 months before calving, again at marking and then at weaning but I've had quite a few drenches break down on me," he explains.

Mark needed to find answers, and with difficult weather and market conditions, needed them fast. So, they conducted a drench test with 5 different drench groups including ECLIPSE Combination Pour-On.

"I trialled various drenches and found ECLIPSE worked the best – it was definitely the stand-out from all the rest. Best of all, within 8 weeks the cattle treated with ECLIPSE were considerably heavier than any of the others. They were a lot more content, their coats looked healthier and they seemed to eat more."

Mark believes his success with ECLIPSE is due in part to the combination of two powerful actives – abamectin and levamisole. This means that worms that may have built up resistance to a single active drench are managed more effectively but still with a single convenient dose.*

"The condition of the cattle in the ECLIPSE group was a lot better. They were the first to reach their target weights for feedlot whereas the others we'd treated with the single active drenches took another 2 months before I could get them away. Using ECLIPSE had a big benefit in weight gain and time saved. In fact we had to turn around and do all the cattle we'd treated with the single active drenches again with ECLIPSE in order to help bring them up to feedlot weight. We've used ECLIPSE exclusively from there on." Mark says.

Though it's been unusually dry in the local area, the team at Stonehenge is hopeful that recent rains will be sufficient to carry them through the winter. "The gains from ECLIPSE are big things for us because the way the weather and prices of cattle are at the moment we've got that extra weight to cover our costs."

"ECLIPSE is definitely making, rather than costing, us money. In addition to the greater weight gains and speed in getting them ready for the feedlot, I don't need to run them in as many times and so the labour cost is down too."

ECLIPSE is my top drench for worms and it also helps my cattle's lice problem. I'd advise other farmers to use it because based on the way it has helped increase weight gain right across my herd, I'll certainly stick with ECLIPSE."

