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COMBINATION POUR-ON FOR CATTLE



Chas Armytage

PROPERTY:

Willaura, Victoria

MAIN FARMING ACTIVITIES:

Charolais Beef and Merino Sheep

SIZE OF THE ENTERPRISE:

3,500 acres



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Chas Armytage's decision to switch to a combination drench was an easy one after he started to notice signs of drench resistance in his Charolais herd.

An expert in his field, Chas runs his current operation of Charolais beef and Merino sheep with his wife, son and daughter-in-law. He and his wife have been managing their 3,500 acre property since 1983 and are one of just two Charolais farmers at Willaura.

Well aware of drench resistance in sheep, Chas started to notice signs of resistance in his cattle as well – which prompted him to try ECLIPSE Combination Pour-on for Cattle to avoid the potentially devastating impact drench-resistant parasites could have on his business.

"The main reason we decided to try ECLIPSE was because we started to hear of and see signs of resistance in drenches. ECLIPSE is a combination drench which is why we decided to make the switch from the traditional single-active drenches we were previously using," explains Chas.

Drench resistance in sheep has been widely recognised as a problem for many years, with Chas having conducted his own sheep drench resistance tests.

Chas is concerned the problem is developing in cattle and if farmers don't act quickly, they could face some damaging consequences, including poor growth rates and lost production.

"We are concerned that some parasites are becoming resistant. You need to be mindful all the time," says Chas.

Since Chas started using ECLIPSE he has noticed significant improvement to the health of his cattle in many areas, but particularly with weight gains.

"We noticed an immediate improvement in stock when we started treating with ECLIPSE. The cattle look much healthier," says Chas.

"We breed and sell pure Charolais. When they're treated with ECLIPSE they really stack on the weight which is crucial to the success of our business," says Chas.

From time to time Chas buys heifers from Southern Victoria and Ballarat and always makes sure they are drenched with ECLIPSE upon arriving onto his property.

"Using ECLIPSE as soon as cattle arrive on the property is an important part of the process to make sure they are clean, healthy and in the best condition," says Chas. "And this also prevents bringing resistant worms onto my property."

ECLIPSE also kills lice as well as internal parasites.* "We will stick with ECLIPSE for a long time. We think it's an excellent product," says Chas.

