



CEH Horse De-worming Recommendations

- Rotation is not recommended since this has been proven to select for resistance to *all* drugs in the rotation.
- The important de-worming season in North Carolina is **September through April**.
- During May through August high temperatures dramatically decrease parasite eggs on pasture and less de-worming is needed.
- If de-worming with an ivermectin product, an 8 week interval is usually sufficient.
- If de-worming with a moxidectin product (Quest®), a 12 week interval is usually sufficient.
- If de-worming with Strongid paste, Safeguard, Panacur or Anthelcide, a 4 week interval is recommended.
- Horses should be de-wormed for tapeworms in the fall with praziquantal drug added.
- Horses on daily strongid should be dewormed spring and fall with moxidectin or ivermectin.
- Fecal egg counts should be done quarterly (minimum of twice yearly).
- Fecal egg count is most important in the fall in North Carolina as this tells us the most about the individual horse's ability to fight parasites.
- If fecal egg count is over 500, the horse should receive a Panacur Powerpack® treatment.
- Removal of feces from pastures greatly helps to control parasites. Dragging pastures is only recommended during the summer months.

*Contact one of our veterinarians to develop a parasite control program
for your horse.*

