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TECHNICAL SERVICES UPDATE

BARBER'S POLE WORM ALERT

Conditions perfect for hatching

We are now heading into warm, moist seasonal conditions that are ideal for the development of Barbers' Pole worm. Once average daily maximum temperatures reach 18°C[1], eggs are able to hatch in the presence of moisture and develop rapidly into infective stage larvae on pasture. Adult female worms in infected sheep are then able to produce vast quantities of eggs – up to 10,000 per day[1]. This prolific egg production, combined with the worm's rapid lifecycle, can lead to significant pasture contamination. As a result, disease outbreaks can occur rapidly and with little warning.

Impact of Barber's Pole

Barber's Pole worm can have serious implications for sheep health, welfare and productivity, with significant reductions in wool growth, weight gains, milk production and even death the likely consequences.

How to control Barber's Pole

The key to managing Barber's Pole is to use strategically applied drenches and pasture management to limit spring pasture contamination, maintain productivity and stop the lifecycle from gaining any real momentum. Allowing Barber's Pole to get a start in spring also carries the very real risk of an even greater problem the following autumn. Using a drench with sustained activity, like Avomec Duel, can play a vital role in preventing this.

For more information, contact your local Boehringer Ingelheim Key Account Manager or Customer Care on 1800 808 691.

Reference: 1. wormboss.com.au. See product label for full claim details and directions for use.

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