

Periparturient Egg Rise



WHAT IS IT?

Temporary loss of immunity (to parasites) around the time of lambing/kidding, resulting in higher fecal egg counts.



HOW LONG DOES IT LAST?

It depends, but anywhere from two weeks before, up to eight weeks after lambing/kidding.



WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Higher egg counts in ewes/does lead to increased pasture contamination and increased risk of worm infection in lambs/kids.

Periparturient means around the time of birthing.

WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT IT?

Deworm ewes/does that require treatment or would benefit most from treatment.



DEWORMING CRITERIA

FAMACHA© score ≥ 4

Body condition score (BCS) ≤ 2

Carrying and/or raising ≥ 3 offspring

First freshening or offspring

High producing dairy female

OTHER STRATEGIES

Increase protein in late gestation ration

Lamb/kid early or indoors

Feed BioWorma® during periparturient period

Raise more resistant breed(s)

Select for parasite resistance