

PERIPARTURIENT EGG ROSE

Periparturient means around the time of birthing.



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.

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*