



Get Your Tail Paint right from the start!

SOMEONE ONCE TOLD ME THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A GOOD FARMER AND A BAD FARMER IS A WEEK AND THIS IS APPLICABLE WHEN YOU LOOK AT WHEN A FARMER PUTS TAIL PAINT ON HIS COWS. BUT IT'S NOT JUST WHEN BUT HOW WELL THEY PUT THEIR TAIL PAINT ON TOO THAT COUNTS. THOSE THAT JUST SLAP IT ON USUALLY GET SLAP HAZARD MATING RESULTS TOO.

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Correct application of tail paint is integral to achieving good heat detection results. Farmers that show care and attention to their tail paint often show care and attention in other areas and their results reflect that.

A strip of tail paint is applied to the rear portion of the backbone of each cow, not too far up, and not too far down the tail. Cows on heat will stand when mounted by herd mates or a bull and the tail paint will be rubbed off as the animal dismounts. Although the average duration of heat in dairy cows is 14 hours, heats can be as short as 2 hours and as long as 28 hours. With this in mind there is real potential for heats to be missed if subtle changes in paint are not noticed. Overpainting or underpainting, will lead to more confusion as to which cows are on heat because too



AN EXAMPLE OF TOO MUCH TAIL PAINT BEING APPLIED. THIS INCREASES THE CHANCE OF HEATS BEING MISSED AS A LOT OF TAIL PAINT WILL REMAIN ON THE COW AFTER BEING MOUNTED.

much or too little paint will still remain leading to incorrect decision making. Maintaining consistency from cow to cow, and day to day, is key to achieving optimal heat detection.

It is possible to achieve high heat detection rates using tail paint alone provided the person is highly skilled and the paint is maintained appropriately. **D**



Correct placement of tail paint:

- No more than 20 cm long
- No more than 5 cm wide over the rear segment of the backbone
- No further back than the start of the tail
- Sufficiently thick to cover the skin with some hair fibres still visible



To see these results and find out what benefit N-Boost could have on your farm, simply scan the QR code and enter your own inputs into the N-Boost and N use calculator

N-BOOST – FARMING UNDER THE 190 CAP



WHILE SOME DAIRY FARMERS may not yet be seeing or feeling the pressure that the 190kg of N/ha cap could put on their production targets, many will be thinking more and more about how they are going to stretch 190kg of N over the season without sacrificing production or incurring massive supplementary feed costs.

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Donaghys has the answer.

With N-Boost, farmers can reduce their nitrogen use to be within the new regulations whilst

continuing to grow the same amount of dry matter without compromising pasture quality.

Using results from these trials, Donaghys has compared what could happen on an average Canterbury dairy farm, where farmers have been applying 240kg of N per hectare per year, under pre N cap regulations.

Calculations showed that using N-Boost, whether partially or fully, resulted in the farm being able to maintain or increase its production and profitability whilst being able to operate within the 190kg/ha nitrogen cap. From these calculations this farm was \$100,000 better off when the N-Boost system was fully adopted. **D**

ALL YOUR SPRING DRENCHING OPTIONS WITH DONAGHYS

WHEN YOU ARE PLANNING A SPRING PARASITE CONTROL PROGRAM YOU CAN REST ASSURED THAT ALL OF YOUR DRENCHING NEEDS ARE COVERED WITH DONAGHYS.

DONAGHYS HAVE THE FULL RANGE OF DRENCHES IN MULTIPLE COMBINATIONS WITH AND WITHOUT TAPE CONTROL.

DONAGHYS
Sheep Drench Range

World First Spot-On Technology

Triples for all situations

Tape drenches and reliable double combinations

YOU MAY WANT to use a tape drench first up for the season to control tape worm. Donaghys have both a double combination, TwinAL Tape HiMin and a triple combination, TrivAL Tape HiMin that farmers can use for control of tape worm.

If you aren't too worried about tape control and only want to use a double combination the cost competitive option is TwinOX HiMin, a double combination containing oxfendazole and levamisole. Moving on from this there are Donaghys most popular sheep drenches, TrivAL HiMin and TrivOX HiMin. Both of these are triple combinations with 14 and 21 day meat withholds respectively.

For further information, talk to your Technical Field Officer or the friendly team at your local Farmlands store.

THE LATEST ADDITION TO THE DONAGHYS STABLE IS SCORPIUS ELITE WHICH WAS LAUNCHED TO THE MARKET BY DONAGHYS WITH MUCH FANFARE IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR.

Scorpius Elite, the first combination spot-on product for control of gastrointestinal parasites is easy to use. Lambs only require the product to be applied at the base of the fleece between the shoulder blades, much easier than orally drenching.

Regardless of what you are requiring this spring, farmers can be rest assured that the Donaghys drench range has what they need. From double combination orals to the world first topical product Scorpius Elite, Donaghys has all your sheep drenching needs covered. **D**

PROTECT YOUR LAMBS THROUGH TO WEANING WITH STRIKEOUT SPRAY-ON

How well a product works for protection against fly strike is so often dependant on how well it is applied.

At docking or tailing time it is an ideal time to apply StrikeOut Spray-On as the lamb is in perfect position for application right to the site that you are trying to protect. A quick and easy job at docking time can save you time later by providing protection right through to weaning. **D**



StrikeOut Spray On SINGLE ACTIVE SPRAY ON FOR SHEEP

StrikeOut Spray-On contains the active ingredient cyromazine which provides 6 weeks protection against fly strike and has been tried and trusted in the New Zealand market for over 30 years. It is still doing a great job for New Zealand farmers today.

Easy to use and effective, StrikeOut Spray-On is a tried and trusted product for New Zealand farmers to protect their lambs from fly strike right through to weaning.