



Important News from StockWatch – 21st June 2011

Cold wet conditions and stress in young stock don't mix. Weather like that we are experiencing today (Tuesday 21st June) rings alarm bells here at the Lab as it is a sure recipe for losses in young stock due to coccidia. We hope this timely message helps avoid losses of valuable young stock.

Coccidia are a protozoan that loves these conditions. It is hard and costly to control once let go, easily avoided but can cause heavy losses.

A few things to keep in mind:

1. Do not stress young stock, particularly in poor weather conditions. Stress includes: Yarding, drafting, marking, moving, weaning. Overcrowding (feedlot situations) and Cold (provide access to shelter).

2. Ensure worm burdens are minimal
3. Ensure adequate levels of nutrition.

Coccidia in large numbers cause a lot of damage to the intestinal wall and significantly reduce nutrient uptake.

Signs of coccidia in paddock: (Lambs)

Dead lambs, Ill thrifty lambs, a large tail in the mob, profuse yellow scouring that has a putrid smell.

Deaths can be rapid - you can very quickly loses 10 to 20% of a mob if unchecked.

In Summary:

- Step 1. Avoid stress in young stock
- Step 2. If in doubt get a worm test done and know for sure what you are up against. At Only \$33 a mob a simple test can save you thousands.

www.stockwatchlab.com.au

PO Box 423 Temora NSW 2666

0488 089 676