

# Did you know that your chickens need deworming?

Parasitic worms are a hidden threat, and it may not be obvious that your flock is affected.

**IMPORTANT**  
Your chickens should be protected from worms with a broad-spectrum dewormer at least 4 times a year, for life.

Some signs they are infested could include<sup>1,2</sup> :



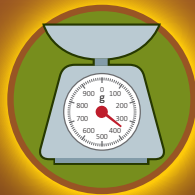
Reduced egg production



Fragile shelled eggs



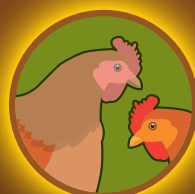
Eggs with pale yolks



Reduced appetite and weight loss



Diarrhoea



Birds generally appearing dull and depressed

However, many hens display no obvious symptoms of parasitic worm infestation<sup>2</sup>, especially if you are new to owning chickens so have not monitored these signs before.

Reducing your hens' worm burden:



Keep drinkers and feeders clean, moving them regularly



Reduce standing water in the pen – fence off wet areas or move your chickens' pen occasionally



Always wash hands before and after interaction with your flock



Keep grass short to allow maximum exposure of parasitic worm eggs to sunlight, as UV rays can kill parasitic worm eggs



Use an effective in-feed broad-spectrum dewormer



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Ask at the counter about the broad-spectrum dewormer for your birds.

Available in small pots of medicated premixture for you to use in your own feed or already incorporated into layers pellets, providing a convenient worming solution.

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