

# Your chickens need deworming too!

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Just like other farm animals and pets, chickens need to be dewormed regularly to protect them from the threat of internal parasites which impact their health, welfare and egg laying ability.

Some of these parasitic worms can affect your birds without causing any obvious signs of infestation, making it important that you proactively protect your hens against them.

Even if there are no signs of worms, there are some clues that your chickens may have worms<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

Parasitic worm eggs and larvae can be brought into contact with your flock in many ways, on clothing and footwear, feedbags, litter, insects and wild birds<sup>2</sup>. As free-range hens are more exposed to wild birds, these chickens are at greater risk of exposure to parasitic worms.

**So how can you keep your birds worm-free?**

## Things you can do to help protect your chickens from parasitic worms:



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 expose parasitic worm eggs to sunlight. UV rays can kill parasitic worm eggs



Use an effective in-feed broad-spectrum dewormer



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- Worm your chickens at least 4 times a year
- Worm them throughout their life to benefit their gut health and protect their immediate environment
- Use a broad-spectrum dewormer that covers all life stages of all major parasitic worms that can affect your birds

**Take this leaflet to the counter and ask about the in-feed 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 solution.**

**References:** 1. Knott, C., Lister, S. and Hammond, P. (2009). *Worms in Free-Range Hens*. [online] Available at: [www.thepoultrysite.com/articles/1256/worms-in-freerangehens](http://www.thepoultrysite.com/articles/1256/worms-in-freerangehens). 2. McKay, S. (2011). *Common Poultry Worms*. [online] Available from: [www.veterinary-practice.com/article/common-poultry-worms](http://www.veterinary-practice.com/article/common-poultry-worms)

**Please refer to Flubenvet 1% datasheet for full details.**

Advice on the use of Flubenvet or alternative medicines must be sought from the medicine prescriber.

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