

# Deworming in goats

## What is Deworming?

- Deworming means giving medicine to kill worms living inside a goat's stomach or intestines.
- Modern deworming focuses on treating only goats that show signs of worms to prevent the development of drug resistance.

## When Should You Deworm? (Look for These Signs)

### 1. FAMACHA Score Chart

- Used to assess anaemia due to barber pole worms via the colour inside the animal's eyelids.
- Check the **INNER LOWER EYELID**:
  1. Score 1-2 (red/pink): Healthy
  2. Score 3 (light pink): watch closely
  3. Score 4-5 (pink-white/white): severe anaemia – **Deworm immediately**

### 2. Goat Five-point Check



The goat “five-point check” can be used to check the goats’ parasite levels by checking these five areas:

1. Eyes – Pale eyelids indicate anaemia
2. Jaw – Swelling under the jaw (bottle jaw)
3. Back - Body condition (weight loss/ribs showing)
4. Coat condition – Dull, rough, or patchy
5. Tail – Diarrhoea or soiling

### Additional Signs of Worms

- Weakness, slow movement
- Poor appetite
- Reduced milk production
- Kids growing slowly
- Frequent diarrhoea

### Smart Farm Management Tips (To Reduce Worms)

- Rotate grazing areas
- Avoid overgrazing
- Keep young and weak goats in cleaner paddocks
- Provide clean drinking water
- Work with a vet for proper guidance