



Flycam Pty Ltd

Specialising in Integrated Buffalo Fly Control on Cattle,
Y-Tex Flystock Identification & Pest Control Products



FLYCAM FACT SHEET NUMBER 2

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO AID THE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF BUFFALO FLY

1. **READ THE LABEL.** Always adhere to the manufacturers recommended dose and dilution rates when applying an insecticide. Under no circumstance should you increase the dosage of an insecticide if you think it is not working properly or reduce the dosage for the purpose of economising!
2. Use an integrated approach to controlling the pest with the use of biological and non-chemical methods in association with the best chemical method available – currently insecticidal ear tags.
3. When using OPTIMIZER insecticidal ear tags always apply tags to both ears on each animal. It is also important to tag every animal in each herd or group. This will help to reduce the development of insecticidal resistance and assist in suppressing the fly population in the herd's vicinity. It is absolutely essential to remove the insecticidal tags after 5 months to prevent the fly being exposed to a sub-lethal dose of the chemical thus predisposing surviving flies to developing insecticidal resistance.
4. OPTIMIZER tags should be applied to the back of the ear. This allows for more even distribution of insecticide.
5. Synchronize the application of insecticidal ear tags or other control measures with neighbours to minimise the fly's transfer from property to property and thus increase the area-wide kill rates.
6. Have regular insecticidal resistance tests undertaken on the Buffalo fly population on your property to help determine your optimum chemical control strategy. (FLYCAM can provide this service)
7. Have a survey of the existing species of Dung Beetle undertaken on your property so that the beneficial species may be incorporated into your fly control management strategy. FLYCAM are currently evaluating the potential of insect parasitoids for use in the biological control of Buffalo fly.

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