



American Miniature Zebu Association, LLC

Education/Promotion/Preservation of the World's Smallest Cattle

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FLY CONTROL IN CATTLE

It is that time of year when we have to worry about fly control in our herds. One thing to remember, you will never have 100% fly control, but you can manage them.

“What can I do to control the flies?” Producers ask what the “best” thing is for flies and when they should start using said product. Those of you who have been doing this for a long time have probably come to the conclusion that no matter what you do, there are going to be some flies.

Most people are familiar with the two main types of flies seen on cattle: the horn fly and the face fly. An easy distinction between the two is to examine where they congregate; if it's around the horns (or poll), the side and the back, chances are it's a horn fly. The ones that hang around the eyes and face of the animal are appropriately called face flies. Horn flies account for an almost \$800 million loss in the U.S. alone; these flies have been shown to be related to irritation, blood loss, decreased grazing efficiency, reduces weight gains and a decline in milk production. Face flies are commonly attributed to the spread of pinkeye in cattle. Regardless of the fly type, there are some important things to consider when implementing a fly control program.



Pour-ons, sprays, back rubs and ear tags are common methods of fly control in this part of the world. Delay tagging until June 1, and remove tags in the fall, to decrease the chance of resistance. Do not use insecticide ear tags until the “economic threshold” of 200 flies per animal has been observed. Make sure you check the active ingredient in your fly tags and rotate when possible to prevent resistance (for example, use an organophosphate tag for 2 years and then a pyrethroid tag for one year). Back rubs can be

very effective IF the animals use them. They should be placed in areas where the cattle will go often, i.e. near the food, water or mineral supply.

The method in which you control flies can have a huge impact on the effectiveness; pour-ons and sprays only provide limited amounts of control and will have to be reapplied during the season. The key to remember, as with anything else, there is no clear cut way to do something. There is no “best” way to prevent flies in your herd. An integrated approach to fly control may be your best bet!

Information by Stefani Sykes, Extension Agent, Wayne County, North Carolina

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2018 SUMMER SIZZLER EXHIBITORS

MAY 26th & 27th, 2018

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Allyn Walker (Judge), Cindy Ritz—Ritzzy Ranch, Rick Ressler & Bobbi Thompson—Stormy Hill Farms, Brady Ward, Shawn Ward, Aubrey Ward, & Becky Ward—Wards Farm, Levi Conner, Riley Conner, & Carol Rouse—Rouse Ranch, Valerie Nichols, Justice Szetela, & Colton Nichols—Nichols Farm, Cayce Walker (Judge)
Not Present at time of Picture—Robert Gregoire—Diamond G & Michelle Croenne—Stormy Hill Farms

Thank You

David Lee with Lee's Photography & Carol Rouse

For All the Photography at The 2018 Summer Sizzler



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2018 SUMMER SIZZLER

AMZA SANCTIONED SHOW RESULTS

2018 Summer Sizzler Miniature Zebu Cattle Show

Saturday, May 26th, 2018

Showmanship Class SS1—1st place Levi Conner—Rouse Ranch Firecracker

Showmanship Class SS2—1st place Colton Nichols—FPR Sweet Lazaris (Baxter)

- 2nd place Aubrey Ward—Stormy Hill Farms Whiskey

- 3rd place Rylie Conner—Bogle Farms Pumpkin Spice

- 4th place Brady Ward—Wards Farm Lil Frosty

Grand Champion Heifer—Wards Farm Macy—Brady Ward

Reserve Grand Champion Heifer—Stormy Hill Farms Tar Tar's Little Miracle—Rick Ressler

Grand Champion Cow—The Other Side Dolly—Aubrey Ward

Reserve Grand Champion Cow—Wards Farm Lil Peppermint—Brady Ward

Champion Challenge Cow—Wards Farm Macy—Brady Ward

Grand Champion Jr. Bull—Stormy Hill Farms Ramrod—Bobbi Thompson

Reserve Grand Champion Jr. Bull—Stormy Hill Farms Whiskey—Aubrey Ward

Grand Champion Sr. Bull—Wards Farm Haybale—Brady Ward

Reserve Grand Champion Sr. Bull—Half Moon Acres Magnum—Rick Ressler

Champion Challenge Bull—Wards Farm Haybale—Brady Ward



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- 3rd place Justice Szetela—Stormy Hill Farms Jasmine

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- 5th place Colton Nichols—FPR Sweet Lazaris (Baxter)

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May 26th, 2018



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