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SAVE THE DATE Christmas Party 2026

Friday 4th December at 5:30pm

11 Kirkcaldy St, South Bathurst

🎄 BBQ and Drinks

🎄 Santas Coming to Visit



Startect® – Broad Spectrum Sheep Drench



Startect® is a short-acting, broad-spectrum combination sheep drench designed to control some of the most damaging worms affecting sheep, including worm populations that have developed resistance to existing drenches.

Startect contains two active ingredients that work together:

- Derquantel (10 mg/mL) – the first active from the new SI (spiroindole) class of anthelmintics.
- Abamectin (1 mg/mL) – a powerful macrocyclic lactone (ML) active.

The combination of these two actives provides a valuable option for managing drench resistance. Startect was specifically developed as a combination from its initial release to help protect the new derquantel active against resistance and extend the useful life of existing drench groups.

Supporting Sustainable Worm Control

Effective worm control is an important part of maintaining healthy, productive sheep. With increasing levels of drench resistance, choosing the right drench and using it as part of a strategic worm management program is essential.

Startect can also be used as a “primer” drench when giving a long-acting drench treatment. The primer approach is designed to help reduce the risk of worms developing resistance to the long-acting drench and support a more sustainable worm control program.



SPRING PASTURE FERTILISER: ARE YOU READY?

While many growers focus on topsoil nutrient levels when planning fertiliser programs, hidden constraints deeper in the soil profile can significantly limit crop and pasture performance. Subsoil salinity, sodicity and alkalinity are common issues across many Australian farming regions and can reduce productivity even when surface soil tests indicate adequate nutrient levels.

Salinity occurs when soluble salts accumulate within the soil profile. These salts affect plant growth in several ways. Firstly, they create osmotic stress, making it harder for plants to extract water from the soil. Even when moisture is present, crops can behave as though they are under drought conditions. Secondly, excessive levels of sodium, chloride and bicarbonates can become toxic to plants, reducing root development, impairing photosynthesis and lowering overall yield potential. Salts can also interfere with the uptake of essential nutrients such as phosphorus, potassium and nitrogen.

Often linked with salinity is sodicity, where high levels of sodium cause soil particles to disperse and soil structure to break down. This results in denser soils with reduced water infiltration, poor drainage and restricted root growth. In irrigation systems, these issues can also reduce water use efficiency.

Importantly, these constraints are frequently hidden below the surface and may not be detected through standard topsoil testing alone. Deep soil testing at multiple depths can identify where salts, sodium or nutrient deficiencies are occurring and provide valuable information for management decisions. Measurements such as electrical conductivity (EC), sodium levels and soil structural tests can help diagnose problems before they have a major impact on production.

Management options vary depending on the underlying issue.

Gypsum can improve sodic soils by replacing sodium with calcium and restoring soil structure, while practices that build organic matter, such as stubble retention and cover crops, can improve soil function over time. In some situations, managing irrigation water quality or allowing rainfall to flush salts deeper into the profile may also be beneficial.

Understanding the full soil profile—not just the topsoil—allows growers to make more informed decisions, improve fertiliser efficiency and unlock greater productivity from every hectare.

Inspiring the Next Generation of Agriculture

Town & Country Rural Supplies was proud to attend the RIEP Wool & Agriculture Industry Expo Day, held for students from Kelso High School, Portland Central School and Blayney High School.

Vicki, Josh and Lorin from Town & Country shared their experiences working in agriculture and how they found their way into the industry. We were also joined by Joel Maguire from Allflex and Coopers and Jonathon Tink from Upper Murray Seeds, giving students the opportunity to hear about different careers and pathways within agriculture as well as their personal experiences.

Our goal was to show students that agriculture is about much more than working on the land. There are countless career opportunities across rural retail, agronomy, animal health, technology, sales, machinery, seed, livestock, marketing and more. Events like this provide students with an insight into what their future could look like after high school and the many ways they can build a career in agriculture. We also enjoyed watching Capree Kelpie Stud put on a fantastic dog trial presentation during the day.

A big thank you to Troy Kelly and Jacquie Smith, Senior Project Officers from the NSW Department of Education, and everyone involved in organising the day. Thank you also to the students for getting involved, asking great questions and showing an interest in the opportunities available within agriculture.



Spring's Hidden Risks - What to Watch This Month



Paddocks are greening up fast and it's easy to read that as the job being done. But greener pastures don't mean balanced. Lush spring growth is often short on the minerals your stock need most right now and the animals carrying the heaviest load including lactating cows, heavily pregnant ewes, laying hens, horses on rich pasture, are the ones most exposed if the gap goes unnoticed.

Here's a few conditions worth watching out for across each mob:

Sheep & Cattle – Watch for grass tetany and milk fever in lactating cows and heavily pregnant ewes. Lush spring pasture is low in magnesium and calcium, right when they need it most, and losses can be sudden. A mineral lick or supplement through the peak weeks is cheap insurance. Bloat is the other risk, particularly in clover or lucerne-dominant paddocks. Introduce stock with a gut full of dry feed rather than turning them out hungry.

Poultry – Layers lifting: Longer days mean hens are back in lay and calcium needs climb with it. A proper layer ration beats grain and scraps for shell quality and output.

Equine – Laminitis in horses: Spring grass is loaded with sugars, putting ponies and easy keepers at real risk. Restrict grazing and lean on a low-starch feed to do the nutritional work instead.

Bathurst Business Awards 2026

We were proud to attend the Bathurst Business Awards 2026, held at Bathurst Goldfields on Saturday, 5 September.

Town & Country Rural Supplies was honoured to be named a finalist in both the Agribusiness and Excellence in Diversity & Inclusion categories.

Being recognised alongside so many outstanding local businesses is a great reflection of the support we receive from our customers, suppliers and the wider Bathurst agricultural community. We are proud to be a locally owned business and grateful to everyone who continues to support us.

We would also like to congratulate our customer Tim Goodlet from Goodlet Rural Contracting, who took home the Excellence in Agribusiness Award. It was fantastic to see a local agricultural business recognised for their contribution to our industry.

A big congratulations to all the finalists and winners for 2026, and thank you to the Bathurst Business Chamber for celebrating the businesses and people who help make our region such a great place



Prevent Flystrike this Season



CLiK Spray-On provides season-long protection (18-24 weeks) against blowfly strike caused by dicyclanil-susceptible strains of blowflies (*Lucilia cuprina*) in sheep.

DON'T RISK IT, TRUST CLiK.

- Season-long protection against flystrike (18–24 weeks)¹.
- Rain Lock™ formulation technology helps to resist ‘washing out’²
- Protects against body, breech and poll strike
- Protects mulesing and marking wounds
- Apply to sheep off-shears or with any length wool
- Wool withholding period: 3 months
- Meat withholding period: 28 days
- ESI: 9 weeks (63 days)



CLiK Extra sets an even higher benchmark for protecting sheep from flystrike caused by dicyclanil-susceptible strains of blowflies (*Lucilia cuprina*) for up to 29 weeks in a single application.

EXTRA STRONG, EXTRA LONG.

- Premium long-term protection against flystrike (up to 29 weeks)¹.
- Proven formulation with suspoemulsion technology
- Protects against body, breech and poll strike
- Protects mulesing and marking wounds
- Reduces the need for repeat treatments
- Apply to sheep off-shears or with any length wool
- Wool withholding period: 3 months
- Meat withholding period: 21 days
- ESI: 9 weeks (63 days)

