

FAECAL EGG COUNT OR ROUTINE WORMING? A COST COMPARISON

Doing it yourself – just one establishment cost in Year 1

Item*	Cost	Establishment Cost
Manual <i>Count Your Eggs Before They Hatch</i> & FEClab™ Starter Kit combo	\$99.95#	
1 x FEC monocular microscope + shipping	\$310.00	\$409.95

**prices subject to change over time; # or less, if just based on purchase of 1 x McMaster slide*

Scenario: 5 horses

FEC/Traditional	No. Horses	No. annual treatments per horse	Sub-total	Total No. treatments per year	Total Annual Cost of Treatments (based on \$18/anthelmintic treatment)		
					Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Low (0-200 EPG) – may require just one treatment/year	2	1**	2				
Moderate (200-500 EPG) – may require 2 treatments/year	2	2	4				
High (> 500 EPG) – will require 4 treatments/year	1	4	4	10	\$589.95 (Includes FEC establishment cost of \$409.95)	\$180.00	\$180.00
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Standard anthelmintic – usually given 6-8 times a year	5	6	30	30	\$540.00	\$540.00	\$540.00

** e.g. for bots or tapeworm

Other Benefits

you will use less anthelmintics overall; less chemicals in your horses; less impact on soil biota; less impact on dung beetles; more \$ in savings to spend on other things for yourself or your horses. **But the most important benefit of all:** you will be contributing to a healthier future for our horses as you will be contributing to stalling the onset of resistance in equine parasitic worms.