Roundworms in Sheep and Cattle

A major cause of production losses in livestock

Disease

- Disease caused by a number of parasitic worms
- Infections cause decreases in live weight gain, milk and wool production

Diagnosis and treatment

- Diagnose to check need for treatment using faecal worm egg counts
- Anthelmintics are available to control infection
- Drench checks are available to check treatments have been effective

Worm busters

- Ensure good worming practices are adopted
- Diagnosis and targeted treatment is key to sustainable worm control
- Use farm history to assist treatment choice
- Check drench efficacy regularly
- Use pasture/grazing management
- Monitor and benchmark livestock performance

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