

Refreshing our Tick Control knowledge in Far North Queensland



Back row (from left) – Des Trevor, Jo Srhoj, Ross Chapman, Howard Smith, Charlie Maier, Dave Andersen Standing – Cheryl Trevor (red shirt) & vest Kneeling – Jess Morgan

On the 3rd October 2019, 15 farmers gathered at the James Cook University seminar room in Malanda to participate in our Tick Control Refresher Day. We were very fortunate to have Jess Morgan, Principal Research Scientist – Department of Agriculture and Fisheries Queensland, to present. Jess provided a wealth of relevant and up to date information on a range of topics relating to tick control, paying particular attention to the economically important ticks of the dairy industry and tick transmitted diseases and conditions of dairy cattle. The topics covered included:

- Tick life cycles and costs
- Types of ticks (cattle tick, bush tick and paralysis tick)
- Identification of ticks
- Identification of disease in cattle

Jess spent a lot of time focussing on issues related to treatment and management of ticks as well. Topics covered included:

- Products – chemical groups and active ingredients
- Application methods – pros and cons
- Acaricide resistance and how this develops
- OH&S and environmental safety
- Monitoring ticks in the herd
- Strategies to reduce tick numbers
- Prevention of tick-borne disease
- Cattle movement regulations

It is highly recommended that farmers and service providers attend the session. Those who attended the Malanda session indicated that it was an excellent session. Jess will deliver the sessions below in southern Queensland before the end of the year. ■ ■

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