

6 Steps to Successful Drenching using the *Drench-Mate*®

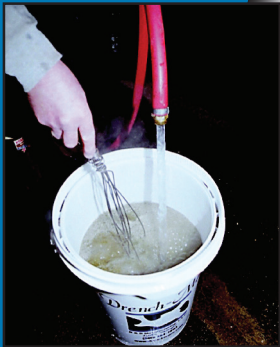


Figure 1



Figure 2

1 Prepare the Drench

- Read the drench directions.
- Mix the drench powder thoroughly with warm water (fig 1).
- Close the *Drench-Mate*® lid to prevent spillage (fig 2).

“Drenching Dairy Cows Video”

<http://www.drenchmate.com/media/>

2 Prepare the Cow

- Ensure the cow is restrained (fig 1).
- Keep the cow’s head low to ensure a direct path to the rumen (fig 1).
- Disengage the *Drench-Mate*® nose tong and insert frick tube carefully (fig 2 and 3).
- Engage nose tong to hold tube in place (fig 4).



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4

3 Insert Hose Correctly

Carefully insert *Drench Mate*® hose until you feel resistance in the back of the cow’s mouth. Pause and let the cow swallow (fig1). **DO NOT FORCE**. Once the hose has been swallowed, feel the throat and make sure there are two hard structures. One will be the hose in the esophagus, the other will be in the cow’s trachea. Push the hose all the way to the red mark. Secure the frick tube by turning the locking tab clockwise as directed (fig 2). This will help insure you are in the rumen.

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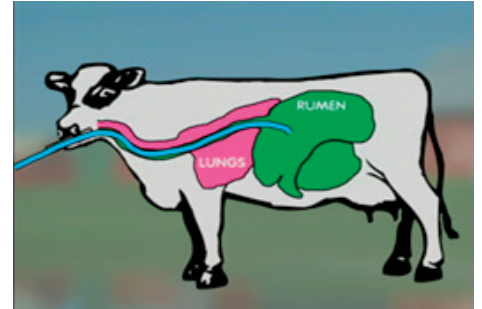


Figure 2

4 Listen & Smell

- Before attaching the end of the hose to the *Drench-Mate* pump, hold to your ear and listen (fig 1). You should hear a bubbling or gurgling sound. You should not hear breathing.
- Smell the end of the hose. You should detect the fermenting odor of the rumen (fig 2).

Important: Feel under the neck of the cow if tube is placed correctly you should feel “two” hard structures one is the trachea and the other is the tube, the trachea is located under the esophagus.



5 Pump Correctly



Figure 1



Figure 2

- Connect the hose to the *Drench-Mate* pump and begin pumping (fig 1). An easy, steady stroke should be used.
- With the Single Dose, tilt the bucket to the inlet and swish a few times when it is almost empty (fig 2).

Caution: If you see the cow NOT chewing then you need to STOP pumping as this can cause a refluxed rumen fluid into the lungs

6 Drain & Remove Hose

- Disconnect hose from pump and hold high for 10 seconds so that any remaining fluid drains out (fig 1).
- Blow any remaining fluid from the hose (fig 2).
- Unlock frick tube and remove hose carefully from the cow. Then remove the frick tube. (fig 3)



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Figure 2



Figure 3



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