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## **Diatomaceous Earth (DE)**

 $MOLODRI^{\circledR}$  is a blend of fresh water Diatomaceous earth and Molasses. Diatomaceous earth contains minerals and trace elements. It has been used for many years as a conditioner for racehorses, and in recent times, trialled with sheep. In those trialsi, faecal parasite counts were taken as one of the experimental parameters for the trials. It was noticed that the coccidiosis and worm egg counts were greatly reduced in the animals fed Molodri.

This is not a treatment but part of a prevention program. Inclusion of Molodri in the diet at 1-2 grams per kilo of feed reduces excretion of coccidiosis eggs, reducing the level in the environment and reducing, over time, the total coccidiosis challenge to birds.

Another method of use has been free choice, where Molodri is in a small container where the birds can eat what they require. Actual consumption proves to be highly variable, as the birds require more at differing times.

Drum contains Diatomaceous earth mixed with Molasses net, 5kg or 10kg available.

 $ABSORBACIDE^{\circledR}$  is a microfine (fine grade as opposed to gritty for pools and industrial use) powder made up of the freshwater diatom, with the unique capacity to damage red mite. Place Absorbacide in locations where red mite will come into physical contact by sprinkling on perches, in nest boxes and cracks and crevices where red mite hide during daylight hours.

Absorbacide scratches and causes abrasions on the waxy exoskeleton of red mite or similar pests, causing body fluid to be exposed to the unique absorbing action of the diatom. This causes the red mite to dehydrate and die. It works with all sub millimetre exoskeleton parasites and in the juvenile stages of some larger parasites.

Use a dessert spoon of Absorbacide to dust nest boxes, dust bathing areas, along perches and in cracks and crevices.

Caution: Use a dust mask and gloves when handling.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> http://www.mtsylviadiatomite.com.au/mod/files/research/DE\_Natural\_Dewormer\_Study.pdf