

# Horn Fly Facts



Actual size



- The cost to the cattle industry is somewhere around \$750 million (due to lost production)
- Horn flies reproduce at an astounding rate. With no treatment program, two horn flies (adults) will produce over 3 million adult horn flies and over 110 million immature horn flies in only six to eight weeks!
- Each horn fly can bite and suck blood 20 to 40 times daily.
- It has been proven that 20% less milk is produced by cows (due to decreased grazing time) bothered by Horn Flies
- The expected loss of gain in growing cattle is at 0.25 to 0.5 lb daily or 37.5 to 75 lb over a 150-day grazing season due to ineffective horn fly control. (University of Idaho)
- University tests have proven that lighter calves are weaned, (typically 13 to 14 lb lighter.) from pastures infested with Horn Flies. (University of Idaho)
- University of Idaho also reported yearling heifers lost 0.06 to 0.09 lb of daily gain without horn fly protection.