



## Farm solutions from Barmac – targeted control of pests making life easier

Barmac has two products which will take pests from being a major problem to a minor concern. The first product, FarmAXE, contains beta cyfluthrin, which is a broad spectrum synthetic pyrethroid well suited to barrier sprays because of its quick knockdown and long residual activity. The second product, Taser PRO, contains bendiocarb which is a non-repellent more specialised active ingredient with effects against a more specific range of insect pests.

Farms have many pests owing to the ready availability of food, water and places to breed. Limiting access to these factors is the key to the success of any spray programme. Flies especially rely on open food and water, and manure for breeding. However, it can be difficult to reduce access to all of these in an animal housing situation. A thorough inspection to determine where the pests feed, rest and breed is critical for the success of any pest control programme. This will allow identification of the pest hot-spots which, when targeted with a spray, greatly increases the chance of success and saves money at the same time. Broad spectrum spraying of all surfaces may be a waste of money if areas that have no pest pressure are treated. The inspection will identify the best areas for treatment, saving time and money.



For pests such as cockroaches, mosquitoes and ants, a barrier spray with FarmAXE provides a shield for the property against these pests. Treating around entrance points and along the bases of walls both inside and out will combat ant and cockroach infestations. Treating the walls and eaves where mosquitoes are observed resting will kill them when they land and then act as a repellent in the longer term. If mosquitoes don't have a place to rest nearby, they will leave the area and not bother the animals.

For pests such as flies this method is also helpful, but Taser PRO offers an additional tool in the battle. Taser PRO is a wettable powder which can be mixed with sugar at a rate of 50 grams per five litres, and the spray applied to areas where flies feed or rest, taking care not to spray animals or their food or water. Fly resting spots can be identified by the faecal spotting around lights and other projections from the roof such as water lines and beams. Flies will land on these spots and, as Taser Pro is non-repellent, they will 'taste' the sugar with their feet and then use their mouthparts to dissolve it and ingest a lethal dose of Taser PRO. This makes the product work effectively as a bait, without the need to scatter granular baits around on the floor of the sheds where much of the product is lost due to regular clean-out procedures.



Taser PRO is also registered for use on African black beetle in lawns. It is also registered for use against bedbugs, millipedes and range of other pests. FarmAXE is registered for use against stored product pests such as weevils and Indian meal moths so the use of both of these products doesn't stop with the animal housing treatments. They have a broader registration allowing more flexibility against pests around the farm. FarmAXE can even be used inside houses for cockroaches, flies, mosquitoes and ants plus other pests.

Barmac has the solution to all your farm pest control needs. Contact your friendly local Barmac representative for more information or visit our website [www.barmac.com.au](http://www.barmac.com.au)

