

ISOLATION AND IDENTIFICATION OF LICE IN BUFFALOES Abe-Ghraib AREA IN BAGHDAD PROVINCE.

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ABSTRACT

This study was conducted to detect the louse infection in buffaloes at the Abe Ghrab area in Baghdad province by examining 660 buffaloes hide, to diagnosing with different ages from month to 10 yaers and from both sexes during the period December 2008 up to Agust 2009.

The study reveald infestation buffaloes with Louse spp. *Haematopinus tuberculatus* at a rate 66.06 % and a highest rate of infestation was 86.25 % in March and the lowest rate of infestation was 20 % in August with significant difference ($p < 0.05$) among month of the study and highest infestation rate at age of (year \rightarrow 3yr) 79.01% and the lowest rate 48.10 % of infestation was in buffaloes at age of (1mo - < year) with significant difference ($p < 0.05$) was conducted .

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