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“The LIVE Chia-seeds”

The shown image is the southern cattle tick, *Rhipicephalus microplus* (formerly *Boophilus microplus*) nymphs that are ready to molt into next stage. This tick species is considered to be the most economically important parasite of livestock worldwide. *Rhipicephalus microplus* can transmit various protozoal parasites such as *Babesia* and *Anaplasma*. The nymphs of this species have an oval body which is wider at front; orange-brown scutum. The engorged nymphs with the greyish coloured body in this picture resemble the soaked chia seeds that are ready to be consumed!

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