Youth Producer Check-List

1. **Do you have a valid (VCPR) relationship with your veterinarian?**
   ☐Yes ☐No
2. **Have you discussed your herd/flock health plan with your veterinarian?**
   ☐Yes ☐No
3. **Do you plan to feed any medicated feeds?**
   ☐Yes ☐No
4. **If Yes on 3, have you discussed if you will need a VFD to purchase this feed from your feed dealer?**
   ☐Yes ☐No

If you answered NO to questions 1, 2 or 4, review the section on "Steps to Prepare for the VFD Regulation".

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Does Your Feed Contain a VFD Drug?

Feed companies are making changes to their standard rations to eliminate regulated antimicrobials from feeds in order to come into compliance with the new FDA regulation. Feeds that have always performed well for your animals may still carry the same name, but may not include antimicrobials as they had in the past.

If a regulated antimicrobial is included in your feed, ask your veterinarian if it is needed. Then, follow the "Steps to Prepare for the VFD Regulation" to come into compliance. If a regulated antimicrobial is not needed, consider using an alternative feed ration.

Consult your feed distributor/dealer regarding a VFD feed. Use this brochure as a guide when studying feed labels to see if any regulated antimicrobials are included in your feed.

Where Can You Buy Feed with my VFD order?

You can buy VFD feeds at any mill, retailer or establishment listed as a distributor or manufacturer with the FDA. The list can be found at: http://www.nda.nebraska.gov/animal/feed/vfd.html. If you are purchasing feed that requires a VFD order, you will need to present the VFD order before purchase.

Any questions regarding VFD or medicated feeds can be directed to:

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EXTENSION

Youth Livestock Programs and the Veterinary Feed Directive

Effective January 1, 2017, the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will fully implement the Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) regulation. The regulation requires veterinary oversight when producers use medically important antimicrobials in feed or water to treat animals. This applies to all producers raising animals, including youth owners of show or exhibit animals.

How Do You Get a VFD Order?

A valid signed VFD is required to purchase and feed certain antimicrobials to food-producing animals. The VFD is a written order issued by a licensed veterinarian in the course of a Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR) that authorizes the use of an antimicrobial in or on an animal feed. This written order authorizes the client (owner or caretaker of animals) to obtain and use animal feeds containing an antimicrobial to treat the client's animals only in accordance with the FDA Approved Product Label.

Which Antimicrobials are Affected?

Antimicrobials are only labeled for the prevention, treatment or control from the spread of animal health diseases. Antimicrobials **CANNOT** be used to improve production performance. If the antimicrobial is administered through an animal's water supply it will require a prescription from the veterinarian. This regulation will NOT affect any injectable antimicrobials.

For more VFD information and an complete list of antimicrobials visit:

bqa.unl.edu/veterinary-feed-directive
or
nda.nebraska.gov/animal/feed/vfd.html

Sample Feed Label

Medicated feed labels will always indicate what animals are allowed to have the feed.

This drug ingredient requires a VFD order from your veterinarian.

VFD drugs will always have this statement on the label.

Medicated: Complete Turkey Finisher

For control of infectious synovitis caused by Mycoplasma synoviae

Active Drug Ingredient:
Oxytetracycline..... 200g/ton

Guaranteed Analysis:
Crude Protein, min 20.0%
Lysine, min 1.2%
Methionine, min.....0.57%
Crude Fat, min.....3.0%
Crude Fiber, min 4.0%
Calcium, min 0.8%
Calcium, max.....1.3%
Phosphorus, min 0.65%
Salt, min.....0.2%
Salt, max.....0.7%

Ingredients: Grain products, plant protein products, processed grain byproducts, monocalcium phosphate, dicalcium phosphate, calcium carbonate, salt, vegetable oil, choline chloride, natural flavors, roughage products, selenium yeast, manganous oxide, ferrous sulfate, zinc oxide, vitamin D supplement, mineral oil

Feeding Directions: Feed continously for 7-14 days. Feed as a sole ration to turkeys from 10 weeks of age until market age. Provide a constant supply of clean, fresh water.

Warning: This product has been formulated specifically for poultry and is not intended for other species. WITHDRAW 5 DAYS BEFORE SLAUGHTER. DO NOT ADMINISTER TO TURKEYS PRODUCING EGGS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

Caution: Federal law restricts medicated feed containing this VFD drug to use by or on the order of a

Which Antimicrobials are Affected?

Penicillins
Glycopeptides
Cephalosporins
Tetracyclines
Lincomycin
Macrolides
Quinolones
Sulfas
Fluoroquinolones

Common Names

Aureomycin
Neo-Terramycin
Sulfamethazine
Pulmotil
Chlorotetracycline (CTC)
Stafac
Kavault
Tylan
Terramycin
Lincomix

Steps to Prepare for the VFD Regulation

1. Establish a working VCPR with a local veterinarian.
2. Develop a herd or flock health plan to include vaccinations and treatment of animal health issues.
3. Discuss animal health diseases that your project may encounter to determine if a medicated feed is appropriate.
4. If a medicated feed is determined to be the best option for treatment, work with your veterinarian to obtain a VFD.
5. Your veterinarian keeps the original VFD, and copies must go to you (as the producer or client) and the feed distributor/dealer.
6. Feed product only as directed on the VFD and FDA Approved Product Label.
7. **Maintain a copy of the VFD and feeding/ treatment records for a minimum of two years from the date of issue.**