



Drug Residue Prevention Best Management Practices

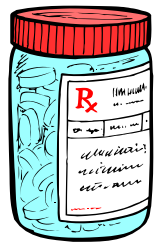
DRUG MANAGEMENT

Livestock owners are responsible for properly managing medications administered to food animals and ensuring drug residues are not present in meat animals at slaughter or in milk that leaves the farm.

Eliminate the chances of having drug residues in meat and milk by following these best management practices for drug management.

Work with Your Veterinarian

- Establish a valid Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR). A veterinarian must:
 - Assume the responsibility for making medical judgements about the health of the animals.
 - Make routine and timely visits to have sufficient knowledge of the animals' condition.
 - Be readily available for follow-up in case of adverse reactions or failure of treatment.
- Establish an approved drug list with a veterinarian.
 - Review the drug instructions for each drug on the list with a veterinarian.
- Work with a veterinarian to establish and review antibiotic use protocols.
 - Antibiotic use protocols should be reviewed by all animal care givers.



Label Drugs, Follow Directions

- Be sure all drugs on the premises are labeled properly.
- Review recommendations from your veterinarian with animal care givers.
- Store drugs in a way to avoid accidental use.
- Store drugs appropriately (i.e. right temperature, avoid sunlight, etc.).
- Remove expired drugs from the drug storage area. Dispose expired drugs appropriately.

Training

- Train animal care givers how to prevent drug residues in meat and milk.
 - Document training
 - Dairy operations:
 - Contamination most often occurs when the normal pattern of milking changes.
 - Ensure animal care givers know that all treated animals are milked last and/or their milk is diverted from human consumption.
 - Ensure animal care givers understand the cost and consequences of shipping adulterated meat and milk.
- Ensure animal care givers understand the instructions on the drug labels.

Recordkeeping

- Keep detailed records of all medications used.
 - Record the drug name, dose, method administered, ID of animal(s)
- Keep a drug log and a treatment log.