

YOUTH PRODUCER GUIDE TO THE VETERINARY FEED DIRECTIVE

FIRST STEPS TOWARD A SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION

*build a relationship
with your
veterinarian*

The only way to get a VFD to purchase and use certain animal health products in feed and water is to establish a veterinary-client-patient relationship (VCPR) with your veterinarian. A VCPR exists when the veterinarian knows your animals (the patient) well enough to be able to medically treat them, and you (the client) agree to follow the instructions of the veterinarian. If you do not already have a veterinarian that is part of your project team, contact your Extension agent to help find one in your area.

*make a list of all animal
health products*

Many feed- and water-based antibiotics will be affected by the new VFD changes. Make a list of all the animal health products you currently use on your animals. Review the list with you veterinarian to determine if any of those products will require a VFD to keep using them.

*keep VFDs records
for two years*

Even youth showing livestock, poultry and dairy will have to keep VFD records from their veterinarians on file for two years. VFDs may be stored electronically or as hard copy paper, so you will need to figure out the best method of maintaining these records on your farm or at home.

VFD RECORDS SUMMARY SHEET

DATE STARTED FEEDING	LOCATION DESCRIPTION	ANIMAL DESCRIPTION AND ID	VFD DRUG AND HOW APPLIED (FEED OR WATER)	DATE FINISHED (DURATION FROM THE LABEL)	WITHDRAWL DATE (CALCULATE FROM THE LABEL)	NAME OF VETERINARIAN	VFD EXPIRATION DATE	WHERE PURCHASED FROM

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*continue working
with your
veterinarian*

Written VFDs from your veterinarian are specific to the set of animals receiving that treatment for a specific time line. Leftover medicated feed cannot be fed past the duration of use on the label or fed to other animals. Know when you will need your VFDs renewed and develop a renewal plan with your veterinarian.