



## What is Quality Assurance?

#### **Let's Define Quality**

How good or bad something is

A characteristic that someone or something has A high level of value or excellence

#### Let's Define Assurance



The State of being assured: such as a being certain in the mind, confidence of mind or manner, security



Something that inspires or tends to inspire confidence



The act or action of assuring someone or something such as a pledge or guarantee

#### Now let's put them together

Quality + Assurance

A high level of value or excellence guaranteed





#### Why Does it Matter?

Good Production Practices matter because you, as someone raising livestock, is a food animal producer and must follow the same regulations as any adult food animal producer.

The consequences for not following the rules and laws include:

- Prosecution
- Being banned from the fair
- Loss of all award monies
- Fines



#### **CFAES**

#### Regulatory Agencies



**United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)** 



Food and Drug Administration (FDA)



**Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)** 



The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS)



Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA)

#### **Food Safety & the Public**



The public takes food safety very seriously.



The public wants to know where their food comes from and how it is raised.



Violations in food animal production cause concern and changes the public perception of youth food animal programs and the animal food industry as a whole.



The most public arena for the food animal industry are our county fairs.



Your actions impact how the public looks at the food animal industry as well as food quality and safety.



You represent your organization, club, county, the industry, your family, and yourself.

## Before you act, ask yourself these questions...

- Does what I am about ready to do…
  - Break FDA, State, or Federal laws?
  - Hurt the animal?
  - Falsely represent the animal?
- Will I have to lie to cover up what I am about ready to do?
- Would the public be upset if they knew what I am about ready to do?
- Will what I am about ready to do keep the food products from this animal marketable?
- Would I eat the food that is being produced from this animal?

#### Who is Responsible for Food Safety?

#### **Everyone is Responsible!**

- We, as livestock producers, must be mindful of what we are doing that will affect the safety of the food we are producing.
- We need to remember that others who are helping with the project(s) are also responsible for safe products entering the production chain.



#### Food Safety Hazards

- Chemical Safety Residues from drugs and pesticides
- Physical Safety Bruising, injection site blemishes, stress, and contamination which usually comes from manure
- Microbial Bacteria that could cause foodborne illness such as Salmonella, E. Coli, and Listeria







### What can I do to ensure food safety?

- Supply the packer/processor with animals and/or food products free from drug and chemical residues as well as physical hazards
- Be aware of withdrawal times for all medications that are given to our animals



#### Check-In Time

Three questions will now be shown to you. All questions must be answered. Not answering the questions may mean you will have to complete QA training again. If you have more than one person sitting with you right now, work together to answer the questions. You will be given a maximum of three minutes to answer this set of questions.

# Establish and Implement an Efficient and Effective Health Management Plan



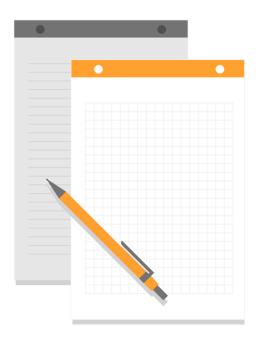


## Reasons to have an Animal Health Management Plan



### An Efficient and Effective Health Management Plan Includes...

- VCPR
- Herd/Flock Health Plan
- Biosecurity Protocols
- Emergency Preparedness



Veterinarian/Client/Patient Relationship (VCPR)

• It is important to establish a VCPR to manage the health of project animal(s) and to prevent drug residues.

• In order to establish a VCPR, the veterinarian must do regular observations of your animal(s). They will also help you create a health plan for your animal(s).



#### Herd/Flock Health Plan

A herd/flock health plan is created to address potential and current health challenges, and to help prevent diseases from entering your herd/flock.

Work with your veterinarian to develop vaccination and parasite control plans specifically for your animal(s).

A herd/flock health plan can also be beneficial in preventing or controlling a potential disease outbreak.

Create a schedule of regular health checks to review vaccination and treatment records, and to discuss any health concerns with your veterinarian.

A biosecurity plan is designed to prevent introduction and transmission of diseases into a herd/flock.

A good biosecurity plan should include:

- Barn sanitation
- Rodent control
- Caretaker entry policies
- Visitor entry policies
- General farm security

Diseases can be transmitted in many ways...

- Rodents, wildlife, and birds
- Pets
- Vehicles and equipment
- People
- New animals
- Clothing and shoes
- Air

#### Herd/Flock Health Plan

#### **Vaccination Plan**

- Always request health records when purchasing animals! This will help your veterinarian determine what needs to be included in your specific health plan.
- Exhibiting animals at the fair increases their risk of being exposed to diseases due to them being around animals from other sources. A vaccination plan can help lower that risk!

#### External Biosecurity - Keeping diseases out of the herd/flock

Control wildlife and pests/pets to prevent contact with your animals.

Don't let them into buildings or feed rooms.

Store feed in a rodent proof container and clean up spilled feed immediately.

Use methods to control rodents

Take precautions when introducing new animals to your herd/flock.

Clean and disinfect pen/stall/cage before bringing in new animals Isolate the new animal(s) for at least 10 days and observe/vaccinate according to your herd/flock health plan

#### External Biosecurity - Keeping disease out of the herd/flock

Have protocols that you or anyone helping you need to follow.

Change your clothes/boots/shoes after visiting other farms, feed stores, or livestock shows

Clean and disinfect any equipment that has been used at another location

Clean and disinfect truck/trailer after each use

Have protocols for anyone visiting your facility.

Limit access and contact with your animal(s)

Question them about recent contact with other animals and determine if they had enough downtime

Supply disposable boots

#### **Internal Biosecurity - Keeping diseases from spreading**



Work with your veterinarian when you have sick animals



Isolate sick animals if possible



Have clothes/shoes/boots that are only worn to the barn



Disinfect equipment after each use to prevent any spread



Establish a traffic pattern to prevent exposure

#### **Emergency Preparedness**

Have a written Emergency Backup Plan in case of the following:

- Natural Disaster
- Fire
- Severe Weather
- Power Outage

Post phone numbers for the fire department, police, your veterinarian, and yourself somewhere in your facility.

Be aware of Foreign Animal Disease(s) (FAD).

Be aware of Zoonotic Disease(s) which are diseases that can be passed between humans and animals

Report any known outbreaks to your veterinarian and/or ODA

# Properly Store and Administer Animal Health Products





#### **Proper Drug Administration**

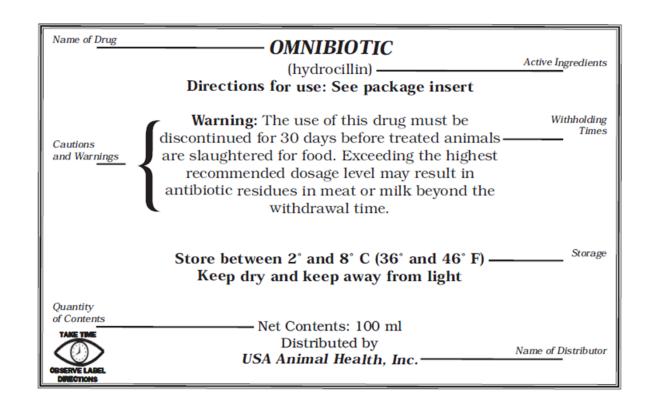
- A primary responsibility of all food animal producers is to produce safe food which includes being free from drug residue.
- You, as a food animal producer, need to know where to find a withdrawal time on a medication label, how to calculate when the withdrawal is complete and when it is safe to market an animal.
- All food animal producers are responsible for following medication label directions or directions provided by a veterinarian under a VCPR.

#### **Responsible Drug Use**

It is your responsibility to:

- Read, understand, and follow medication label directions
- Keep and know medication records and animal ID treatment status of ALL animals
- Identify ALL treated animals (refer to GPP #6)
- Keep records to assure proper withdrawal times for an animal

#### Medication Label



### **Medication Insert**

Name of Drug		OMNIBI		Active Ingredients
	For use in B	Cattle, Swine	ng and Non-Lactating Dairy and Sheep efully Before Using This act	Species and
	Autima Installentes			
Approved Uses	Active Ingredients: Omnibiotic is an effective antimicrobial preparation containing hydrocillin hydrochloride. Each ml of this suspension contains 200,000 units of hydrocillin hydrochloride in an aqueous base.			n
	<ul> <li>Indications: Cattle - bronchitis, foot rot, leptospirosis, mastitis, metritis, pneumonia, wound infections. Swine - erysipelas, pneumonia.</li> <li>Sheep - foot rot, pneumonia, mastitis: and other infections in these species caused by or associated with hydrocillin-susceptible organisms.</li> </ul>			
	Recommended Daily Dosage The usual dose is 2 ml per 100 lb of body weight given once daily. Maximum dose is 15 ml/day.			
Dosage	{ 1 3 5	lody Weight 00 lb 00 lb 00 lb 50 lb or more	Dosage 2 ml 6 ml 10 ml 15 ml	
	Continue treatment for 1 to 2 days after symptoms disappear.			Route
Cautions and Warnings	Caution: 1. Omnibiotic should be injected deep within the fleshy muscle—of the neck or thigh. Do not inject this material in the hip or rump, subcutaneously, into a blood vessel, or near a major nerve because it may cause tissue damage. 2. If improvement does not occur within 48 hours, the diagnosis should be reconsidered and appropriate treatment initiated. 3. Treated animals should be closely observed for at least 30 minutes. Should a reaction occur, discontinue treatment and immediately administer epinephrine and antihistamines. 4. Omnibiotic must be stored between 2° and 8° C (36° to 46° F). Warm to room—temperature and shake well before using. Keep refrigerated when not in use.			
	for 48 hours (4 milking	ngs) after the last drug must be dis	m animals during treatme treatment must not be us continued for 30 days beford.	sed for —
Stzes Available	How Supplied: Omni			OBSERVE LABEL

#### **Proper Drug Storage**

#### Always read the label!

#### Proper storage is important because:

- It reduces the chances of contamination
- It reduces the risk to health for people and animals
- It ensures they remain effective

#### **Proper Drug Storage**

Medications are perishable and must be protected from damage and stored under the right conditions to remail effective.

Check products regularly to make sure they have not expired and properly dispose those that have. Maintain the identity of all medications by storing them in their original container with the product label.

#### **Improper Drug Storage**

Neglecting to read and follow storage instructions could be hazardous to you and your animals!

Improper storage could result in:

- Poor treatment response
- Mistakes in determining withdrawal times
- Contamination of medication
- Risking the health of your animal by using a medication not meant for that stage of production or for that species

#### **Administering Medication**

- Exhibitors, parents, guardians, and producers are all responsible and should work together as a team for proper administration of medications to animals.
- When drugs are administered properly and recorded, exhibitors will avoid drug residues.
- Record any medication given to exhibition animals on your Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) if their withdrawal time has not elapsed.

#### **Administering Medication**

#### Oral – Medication given through the mouth

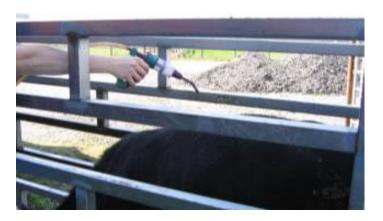
- Oral medication can be administered by drenching tubes, balling guns, or oral dose syringes.
- They can also be administered through the feed and/or water, especially when medicating a large group.



#### **Administering Medication**

#### Topical – Applied on the skin or the mucous membranes of the eyes, ears, or nasal passages

- Topical medication can be an ointment, spray, dusts, pour-on, or dip.
- Most topical medications are used for parasite control.
- Check if product is approved by the FDA for use on food animals.

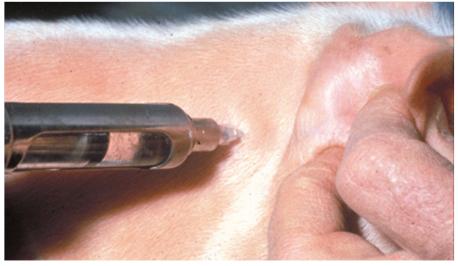


## **Administering Medication**

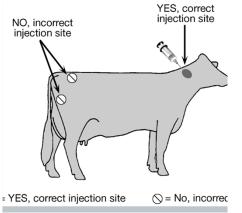
#### Injection - An infusion method to deliver medication

- Injections are useful when treating individual animals.
- If an animal is too sick to eat or drink, an injection may be the only way to treat them.
- Proper restraint may be necessary when giving injections.
- Injections present a risk of broken needles and injection-site reactions.
- Select the proper injection site!









# **Proper Injection Sites**

Make sure you select the proper injection site based on species, animal age, and medication label guidelines

## **Administering Medication**

#### **Types of Injections**

Intramuscular (IM)	In the muscle		
	Use IM injections when indicated as the best route of delivering the medication according to the label		
Subcutaneous (SQ)	Under the skin		
	Tent the skin and inject into a pocket created under the skin		
	Implants – given in the ear of cattle		
Intraperitoneal (IP)	In the abdominal cavity		
	Should ONLY be used upon veterinary instruction and guidance		



## **Administering Medication**

#### **Types of Injections**

Intravenous (IV)	In the vein	
	Should ONLY be used upon veterinary instruction and guidance	
Intranasal (IN)	In the nasal passages	
	Does not use a needle	
Intramammary Infusion	In the udder through the teat canal	
	Does not use a needle	

## **Needle Usage Guidelines**

- Evaluate the quality of the needle you are using including the hub, shaft, and bevel.
- The needle should be free of chips, cracks, or burrs.
- Change needles frequently, preferably after each animal.
- The needle should NOT be bent. Change bent needles immediately, do NOT attempt to straighten them.
- Retrieve dropped needles and immediately dispose of them properly.

#### **Needle Size and Selection**

	Subcutaneous		Intramuscular	
•	Gauge	Length	Gauge	Length
Baby Pigs			18 or 20	5/8 in or 1/2 in
Nursery Pigs	16 or 18	1/2 in	16 or 18	3/4 in or 5/8 in
Finisher Pigs	16	1 in	16	1 in
Sows or Boars	14 or 16	1/2 in to 3/4 in	14 or 16	1 in or 1-1/2 in
Calves (<300 lbs)	18-20	1/2 in to 3/4 in	18	1 in or 1-1/2 in
Calves (300-700 lbs)	16-18	1/2 in to 3/4 in	16-18	1 in or 1-1/2 in
Calves & Dairy Cattle (<700 lbs)	16-18	1/2 in to 3/4 in	16	1 in or 1-1/2 in
Sheep and Goats	18-20	1/2 in to 3/4 in	18-20	1 in
Small Animals (all ages)	20-22	1/2 in	20-22	3/4 in or 5/8 in

### Needle Usage Guidelines

- Shorter needles are used for SQ injections
- Longer needles are used for IM injections
- Smaller needles are used for younger and smaller animals
- Select the smallest needle size possible for an injection because it causes less damage

## **Proper Disposal of Sharps**

- Used needles, knife blades, and syringes are called sharps.
- Sharps must be disposed of properly to prevent environmental contamination and injury to fellow workers, children, waste handlers, and livestock.
- Dispose sharps in a rigid puncture-resistant container immediately after use.
- Sharps containers must be clearly labeled as a biohazard waste container.
- Securely tighten and seal the cap or lid with heavy tape once the container is full.













## Proper Disposal of Animal Health Products

- All animal products
   must be properly
   handled and disposed of
   to minimize
   environmental
   exposure.
- Do NOT put unused antibiotics in sewage systems.
- Regulations for disposal of unusable antibiotics vary from state to state.

## Follow Proper Feed Product Protocols





## **Feed Quality**



Protecting the health of an animal **and** the quality of consumer products starts with selecting and feeding high quality feeds.



Only purchase feed with a Guaranteed Analysis listed on the feed tag.



It is important for youth to have an awareness of proper hygiene when handling feed, techniques for missing and using both medicated and non-medicated feeds, proper labeling, and recordkeeping practices.

# Medicated Feed and Current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMPs)

- cGMPs are a set of guidelines for processing medicated feed
- cGMPs are designed to:
  - Prevent feed contamination
  - Provide reasonable assurance the medicated feed is manufactured accurately
- cGMPs must be followed to help ensure safe, wholesome meat for human consumption

- cGMPs provide standards for:
  - Buildings and grounds
  - Equipment
  - Workspace and storage areas
  - Product quality assurance
  - Labeling
  - Recordkeeping

### **Medicated Feeds**

#### **Special Requirements**

Consult veterinarian or nutritionist with questions to calculate feeding rate per label instructions

Extra-label use of medicated feeds is ILLEGAL

Must comply with federal residue levels for feed

Identify animals receiving medicated feeds Record any medicated feeds given to exhibition animals on your Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) A Veterinarian Feed Directive (VFD) is required for any feeds with antibiotics or for adding it to animal's drinking water

## **Guidelines for Good Feeding Practices**



#### **Good Housekeeping**

- · Facilities should be kept clean and maintained
- Any feed spills should be cleaned up immediately

#### Feed Storage and Handling

- Store medicated and non-medicated feed separately
- · All medicated feeds should be labeled
- · Protect feed from moisture
- · Control rodents, birds, wildlife, and pests

#### **Clean and Safe Environment**

- Clean mixing equipment between each batch if you mix your own feed
- Use different feed scoops and other equipment for medicated feed
- · Clean feeders following the use of medicated feed

## **Guidelines for Good Feeding Practices**

#### Labels

- Always read the label!
- Labels are regulated by the USDA unless medications are added
- Medicated feed labels are regulated by the FDA
- Labels must appear on all commercial feeds and include an ingredients list

#### Recordkeeping

- · Record use of medicated feeds
- Keep written records of feed formulation, delivery date, method, carrier, and any observations made about the feed
- · Keep records for 1 year for swine, sheep, goats, and poultry
- Keep records for 2 years for beef and dairy

