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Veterinarian Feed Directive Programs

As we near the end of 2016 we near the beginning of the need for more veterinarian services for our livestock. We will need assistance in the form of written documentation from a veterinarian in order to purchase and/or feed any medicated feed. As I have stated in past columns, and on the radio, this includes several of the common used feeds.

This is for feed, mineral, and water applications. This is not dealing with medication that is injected. The list of things that will require veterinarian paperwork will include, in part, milk replacer, medicated minerals, and crumbles.

This has been in the works for some time, and I have discussed it several times in this newspaper, but many people still have a puzzled look on their face when I mention it. Getting the word out on stuff like this can be a challenge. The need to make contact with your veterinarian prior to January is critical. In many cases the local veterinarians have a pretty big list of clients. One thing for sure, these farm visits can't all happen in a week. I would suggest you take the opportunity to contact your veterinarian and get the process started as soon as you can.

In the meantime we will continue to be involved in training sessions that will give producers the opportunity to listen to the rules and regulations. This will also be an opportunity to ask questions and find out how these changes will impact your operation so you can take the steps you need to and not be caught off guard 6 months from now.

There will be more added to this list in the coming weeks, but here is what I am aware of at this point. Cherry Fork Farm Supply will have an informational dinner on November 15. Master Feed Mill in Hillsboro is working on a date. I have talked to others, but the dates and times are not available just yet. I will continue to list these as they become available.

In the meantime I will be traveling to the Ohio Department of Agriculture on November 10 for training on the latest details about the rules and regulations. Hopefully this will not be as big of a deal as it seems. It will require more planning and definitely more record keeping, but that is not always a bad thing.

Issues with Deer Losses in Southern Ohio

The disease is Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) and it often shows up during drought like conditions. I have also been told by the Ohio Department of Agriculture that there are vaccines available. At this point I am still looking for more details and can provide more information in the near future.



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