

Medication Receiving, Storage and Handling Protocol

Medications and vaccines utilized to protect and improve the health of cattle are vital to cattle feeding operations. It is important to record information that describes how and when products were received by the feedyard.

It is important to maintain a record of lot numbers of products received on the facility in the event of recall or holding of cattle if a problem arises resulting from a quality failure by the manufacturer. Proper storage and handling are also important to insure that the viability and effectiveness of the products are not compromised. Also, it is important for producers to make sure that all products utilized are in date (not expired) and return or properly discard products that are out of date. Through proper recordkeeping, storage and handling, animal health products remain an important piece of a comprehensive cattle health and well-being program.

1. Feedyard XYZ has a Veterinary/Client/Patient Relationship (VCPR) established with Dr. Joe Smith, DVM from Smithville, KS. Dr. Smith is responsible for writing our treatment guidelines and protocols, processing protocols, prescriptions and a list of withdrawal times for products used in our cattle health program.
2. Feedyard XYZ receives biological and pharmaceutical products from Distributor XYZ or Smithville Veterinary Clinic .
3. When products arrive they are entered into an inventory log book, the animal health computer or both by person in charge at feedyard , record date product was received, quantity of product received, unit size that products are packaged, lot/serial numbers for each product and the date in which the products become out of date. These data are kept in a file, log book, other permanent file besides animal health computer which is located in Feedyard manager's files .
4. All products are stored as recommended by the manufacturer.
5. Inventory of products is taken every day, week, month by the persons in charge at Feedyard XYZ .
6. Dr. Joe Smith and Cattle Manager work with the doctoring and processing crews to insure proper handling of biological and pharmaceutical products during day to day activities through employee training. It is important to the operation that products are protected from high/low ambient temperatures and UV light, such as direct sunlight, during the working day and at all other times.
7. Out of date products are returned to distributor/veterinary clinic or appropriately discarded .