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Veterinarian Feed Directive Programs

Last week I discussed the Veterinarian Feed Directive that will become the standard as of January 1, 2017. This will change the way antibiotics can be used in feed for livestock producers. There will be a number of educational opportunities in the area in the next few weeks. These 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 in the future when it comes to managing the prevention of illness in your livestock.

Here is a list of educational opportunities that I am currently aware of in the area. I am sure more will be added soon.

Cherry Fork Farm Supply will begin with social hour from 5:00 pm until 6:00 pm on Tuesday, November 15. Dinner will begin at 6:00 and the program begins at 6:30 at the Cherry Fork Community Center. Please RSVP by November 12 at the mill (937) 695-0264.

The topics will include: New Regulations and Use of Certain Antibiotics; A Veterinarian's Perspective of How the Process Will Work; Which Antibiotics are affected and Product Availability; and Feed Company Reaction and Your Current Feeds.

Master Feed Mill in Hillsboro will be presenting a program on November 17 at the Elk's in Hillsboro at 6:30 pm. The date and location is tentative at this time. I will have more details next week.

Union Stockyards will also host an educational program for the VFD on November 29 at the yards. The meal will be at 6:00 pm and the meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.

There may be more added in the near future. I will try to keep dates and times in this column.

Have You Stored Your Sprayers?

Here we are in the last week of October and only had a light frost on Tuesday morning. Harvest has had very little interruptions due to weather this year, so there has not been much down time unless it has been mechanical problems.

With this weather harvest of grain, or planting of wheat, has been a priority for many producers this time of the year. Hopefully all sprayers were cleaned and rinsed out properly when they were last used. Were they also winterized? This is something I normally think of about 8 pm on the night the forecast is calling for below freezing temperatures for the first time in the fall. There has been at least



once that it didn't hit me and I had problems the following spring. Yes cracks and splits in equipment that caused some delay in getting things done the following spring.

There is a good article in the CORN newsletter that addresses the proper ways to clean, rinse and winterize your spray equipment to prevent damage to the equipment. The entire article can be found at <http://corn.osu.edu>. As always, if you do not have the internet and would like to read the information, stop by your local OSU Extension Office and we will provide you with a copy.

Controlling Problem Weeds

In the next few weeks you may still need that sprayer to control problem weeds like Poison Hemlock. This year has been especially bad for some weeds. Johnsongrass was a problem and remember it can be a problem in fields that are being grazed. The problem can be from drought like conditions and nitrate poisoning or even worse with prussic acid after a killing frost.

The Poison Hemlock is the one that you may want to spray in the next few weeks. This is a plant that will stay green for a while after the first frost and continue to grow for some time. It will be primed and ready to take off in the early spring, so controlling it now may be your best option. Products like crossbow or 2,4D will do a good job on it this fall. Preferably spray on a warm fall day and then be prepared to go back in the spring to clean up what you may have missed with the first application.