



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

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NOTICE TO INDUSTRY

COVID-19

The California Department of Food and Agriculture's Commercial Feed and Livestock Drug (CFLD) Program will continue to ensure that products which the California feed industry supplies to animal agriculture will result in a clean and wholesome supply of meat, milk, and eggs for the benefit of the consumer. The Program's mission is to provide assurance to the consumer-buyer of commercial feed that any product purchased is properly identified and of the quality and quantity represented by the manufacturer of the commercial feed.

Additionally, the Program will continue to ensure that feed products do not contain any poisonous, deleterious, or nonnutritive substance, including drugs which are unsafe, and that all products are labeled in compliance with Program regulations. As a reminder, all products containing drugs or other additives are to be manufactured in compliance with industry requirements and all feed should continue to meet the quality and purity characteristics guaranteed.

The CFLD Program is continuing to communicate with feed manufactures so that we are aware of any supply chain interruptions that can be reported to California Office of Emergency Services (Cal-OES). CFLD is also encouraging firms to follow their established bio-security practices and employee hygiene practices. As of now, CFLD Program has shifted field activities to focus on end-product testing, when possible, to practice social distancing and minimize additional stress on firms. We will continue to respond to all animal health-related consumer complaints in order to meet the above directives. This plan is place for the next 30 days and will continue to evolve as information is received.

Please do not hesitate to contact the field staff member in your area with any questions or concerns. The program wants to ensure that the feed and livestock industries are sustained in California. Additionally, please, reach out to the field staff in your area if you are anticipating a feed ingredient deficit so that the program can alert Cal-OES resources of the issue.

We understand these are trying times, but the CFLD Program remains fully committed to supporting the California feed industry by ensuring feed safety and consumer confidence.

For additional information or questions, please contact the Program at (916) 900-5022.

Sincerely,

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