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October 31, 2020  
Quarter 3 Tonnage  
Tax Due

November 11, 2020  
Veterans Day

November 26, 2020  
Thanksgiving Day

December 25, 2020  
Christmas Day

## CDFA AUS Program Releases Annual Veterinary Feed Directive Report

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) announces that its Antimicrobial Use and Stewardship (AUS) program has released its second annual report summarizing veterinary feed directive (VFD) information.

This new report for 2019 is broken into five main sections: background; VFD compliance; data summaries, tables and figures; data on 2019 manufacturing and distribution reports; and CDFA's future steps in working toward reducing antimicrobial resistance in animal agriculture. Each section of the report is constructed to provide easy-to-understand, visually comprehensive information.

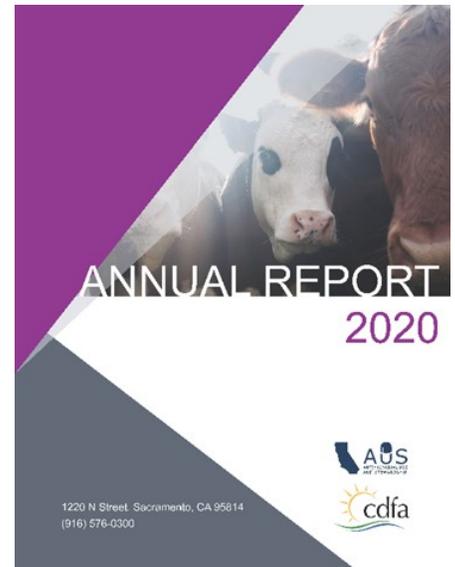
This year's report has many new features, including:

- Detailed infographics
- Links to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Services (NASS) annual animal inventory numbers for California
- Links to all VFD drug approvals in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)
- How AUS addresses ongoing discrepancies in VFD orders received by distributors and manufacturers

Click here to read the full report:

[https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/AHFSS/AUS/docs/AUS\\_AnnualReport-2020.pdf](https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/AHFSS/AUS/docs/AUS_AnnualReport-2020.pdf)

For questions or more information, please contact the AUS program at [cdfa\\_aus@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:cdfa_aus@cdfa.ca.gov) or 916-576-0300, or visit their website at <http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/AHFSS/AUS/>.



*Cover of the 2020 Annual Report*

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## Almond Hull Quality Assurance Plans

As the almond harvest is underway, it is important for hullers to utilize quality assurance programs to ensure that almond hull piles are mapped to meet fiber guarantees when offered for sale. It is much easier to periodically sample test as these piles are built rather than to sample and test after the fact. A PowerPoint presentation on almond hull quality assurance plans can be found on the SAFE web page at [https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/is/ffldrs/SAFE\\_IndustryOutreachSeminars.html](https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/is/ffldrs/SAFE_IndustryOutreachSeminars.html).

At the bottom of the web page linked above, there is a section labeled “Almond Hullers Educational Seminar- July 2015;” click to expand the “Presentations” section to view links to available materials. The “Almond Hull Quality Assurance Sample Procedure” and the “Processor Quality Control” PowerPoint presentations have information on how almond hull mapping can work and some of the methods that can be used.

For more information and resources, please contact the Safe Animal Feed Education Program at [safe@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:safe@cdfa.ca.gov) or 916-900-5022, or visit their website at <http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/is/ffldrs/safe.html>



*Almond on tree*

## FSPCA PCQI Training Course

The SAFE program will be hosting a Food Safety Preventive Controls Alliance (FSPCA) Preventive Controls Qualified Individual for Animal Food Training in December for California feed industry members that are still in need of the training.



This training is recognized by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as meeting the requirements to become a Preventive Controls Qualified Individual (PCQI) for Animal Food, as required by FDA under the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) regulations.

This training typically uses a blended course structure, with a portion of the material completed online followed by an in person training. However, the December session will be held entirely online due to Covid-19 restrictions.

**Registration for the December session is closed, but please contact SAFE if you are interested in attending a future session.**

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## New Federal Funding Awarded

### AFRPS Maintenance / PC Option Cooperative Agreement

CDFA's Commercial Feed Regulatory Program (CFRP) was awarded a cooperative agreement from FDA for maintenance of the Animal Food Regulatory Program Standards (AFRPS) with additional funding for the development and integration of Preventive Controls procedures. The Program was awarded a total of \$525,000 per year for the next five years. This project builds on the work done under the previous AFRPS cooperative agreement, which ended on August 31, 2020.

The goal of the newly awarded agreement is to maintain and enhance California's fully implemented AFRPS while building CFRP's ability to perform regulatory work and promote compliance with the Preventive Controls for Animal Food (PCAF) rule. Through active participation in the AFRPS, CFRP has strengthened its already robust inspection and enforcement programs, industry education and training programs, and feed emergency response programs, while also implementing program assessment and accountability measures. This cooperative agreement will enable CFRP to further develop and sustain the best practices implemented under the AFRPS while simultaneously working to build capacity to conduct comprehensive inspections for compliance with the PCAF rule.

### FSMA Contract Execution

CFRP has also finalized a contract with FDA for Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) inspections for 2020/2021 totaling approximately \$238,000.

Program staff will perform a total of 48 inspections during this contract year and will verify compliance with federal requirements pertaining to current good manufacturing practices, preventive controls for animal food, and bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE).



**AFRPS**  
Animal Feed Regulatory Program Standards

### What are the Animal Feed Regulatory Program Standards?

FDA and the Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) developed the AFRPS to establish a uniform foundation for the design and management of state programs that regulate animal feed. Implementing the AFRPS helps states achieve and maintain programmatic improvements that ensure the safety and integrity of the U.S. animal feed supply.

Have feed questions? We can help!

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