



COMMERCIAL FEED  
REGULATORY PROGRAM

# QUARTERLY FEED UPDATE

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## Calendar

October 31, 2023  
Quarter 3 Tonnage  
Tax Due

November 10, 2023  
Veterans Day  
(Observed)

November 23, 2023  
Thanksgiving Day

November 24, 2023  
Day After  
Thanksgiving

December 25, 2023  
Christmas Day

## Delinquent Licenses and Tonnage

Prior to license renewals this year, the Commercial Feed Regulatory Program (CFRP) began an effort to identify firms with expired feed licenses and/or multiple years of delinquent tonnage reports. Firms were issued warning letters via mail and email. CFRP appreciates that many firms have already responded by renewing their expired licenses and submitting delinquent tonnage reports and payments.

There are many firms remaining that have not yet taken action in response to the warning letter. Unresponsive firms located in California are currently being visited by CFRP inspectors who are either issuing a Notice of Warning for noncompliance or confirming that the firm is out of business. Unresponsive firms that are located out of state have been mailed a second, final warning letter. The license for firms that remain unresponsive to the visits or letters will be placed on a quarantine target list, resulting in all products being removed from sale if observed in the field by CFRP inspectors. Further action may be taken for firms continuing to not comply.

In the coming weeks, CFRP will begin issuing warning letters to firms that did not renew their commercial feed licenses for this year by the July 31, 2023, deadline and/or have delinquent tonnage for 2023 quarter 2 and 3.

### IMPORTANT: Update Your Contact Information!

To ensure your firm receives important correspondence from CFRP, please verify the following fields in ExtraView: Firm Mailing Address, Firm Responsible Party, Licensed Location Mailing Address, Licensed Location Point of Contact, and Point of Contact for Field Operations.

CFRP will send correspondence to the email and/or mailing address listed in ExtraView; it is the licensee's responsibility to ensure that this information remains up to date.

**Any notices issued shall be considered effective, even if delivery is refused or if the notice is not accepted at the address provided.**

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## 2022 Veterinary Feed Directive Summary Report

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Antimicrobial Use and Stewardship (AUS) Program announces the release of the 2022 Veterinary Feed Directive Summary Report.

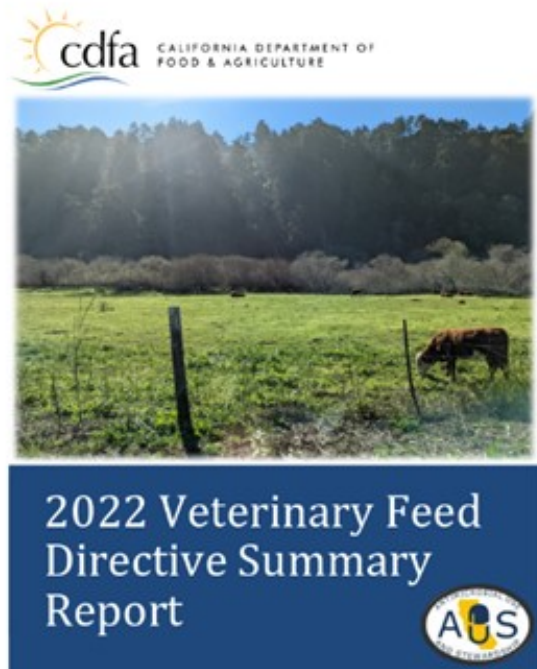
This report presents an up-to-date illustration of Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) feed manufacturing and distribution in California. The annual VFD Summary Report has been developed to provide a transparent and thorough explanation of the AUS program's involvement to ensure feed manufacturer / distributor compliance with state and federal VFD order mandates.

2022 Report highlights include:

- Background, including general information, scope of reporting and processes for protecting confidential information.
- Data tables reporting VFD information by species, drug, indication type and amounts sold, as well as aggregated, informative visuals.
- Plans for the AUS program and future VFD collection/compliance.

In conjunction with CDFA's Commercial Feed Regulatory Program, AUS collects VFD information on a quarterly basis from both manufacturers and distributors listed on the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's VFD Distributor Notification list. The information collected is held confidential in accordance with Food and Agricultural Code Section 14407.

[Click here](#) to view the 2022 Veterinary Feed Directive Summary Report.



**To receive email updates from the Commercial Feed Regulatory Program, follow the link and subscribe to the Feed and SAFE listserv:**

**[https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/subscriptions/?cdfa\\_lists\\_isd\\_ffldr](https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/subscriptions/?cdfa_lists_isd_ffldr)**

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## STAFF SPOTLIGHT: Shelly King

### ***What is your name?***

Shelly King.

### ***How long have you worked for CDFA?***

22 years.

### ***What is your job title and what do you do?***

My job title is Special Investigator. I manage livestock drug program registrations and retail inspections; review industry documents, retail inspection reports, and scientific data related to ingredients in feed and livestock drug products; conduct legislative reviews pertaining to livestock drug issues; review veterinary feed directives (VFDs) for compliance; review and approve certificate of free sale labels; draft necessary guidance for industry and our website relating to restricted livestock drug firms, livestock drug registrations, and VFDs; conduct field and online inspections for feed and livestock drugs; and conduct online hemp compliance. I have also been leading recent efforts to follow up with firms that have had expired licenses and/or delinquent tonnage reports for multiple years.

### ***How do you work for the California food***

***supply?*** I ensure feed and livestock drug products that are fed to food producing animals are safe and comply with CDFA's commercial feed and livestock drug laws and regulations.

### ***What do think makes our team unique?***

While all of us are feed and livestock drug inspectors, each of our areas are different. This provides a diversity not only within the firms we inspect, it also provides a diverse set of expertise between inspectors' experiences in the field.

### ***What is your favorite pastime, book, movie, or show?***

Show....Yellowstone.



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## 2023 Basic Inspector Training Seminar

The Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) and the Association of American Plant Food Control Officials (AAPFCO) hosted the annual Basic Inspector Training Seminar (BITS) in Sacramento from September 19-21, 2023. There was a total of 58 attendees from 18 states, including staff from the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Commercial Feed Regulatory Program (CFRP) and Fertilizing Materials Inspection Program (FMIP).

The agenda featured several speakers from CDFA, including Virginia Jameson, Deputy Secretary for Climate and Working Lands; Natalie Krout-Greenberg, Inspection Services Division Director; Jenna Leal, CFRP Environmental Program Manager; KC Gutenberg, SAFE Program Environmental Scientist; and Nicole Smith, FMIP Senior Environmental Scientist Supervisor. Additional CDFA attendees included Mike Davidson, Samantha Moran-Defty, Jessica Lugo, Alejandro Ramirez, Amber Hayter, Kelly Mammen, Lindsey Smith, and Valerie White

from CFRP, as well as Nick Young, Dale Rice, Justin Petty, Leo Campos, Mia Humphreys, Zach Edmonds, Kim Schneider, and Minal Patel from FMIP.

The seminar included presentations on topics such as safety, professionalism, biosecurity, and labeling, as well as tours of Wilbur-Ellis and Elk Grove Milling to review feed and fertilizer sampling techniques. View the agenda: [https://www.aafco.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/BITS\\_Agenda\\_2023.pdf](https://www.aafco.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/BITS_Agenda_2023.pdf).



*BITS group photo.*

## Livestock Enteric Methane Emission Reduction Research Program

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) received \$10 million in Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds (GGRF) from the Budget Act of 2022 (AB 179, Section 194) to award grants funding demonstration trials to evaluate additives and dietary modifications that could potentially reduce dairy and livestock enteric methane emissions.

Over the past several months, the Safe Animal Feed Education (SAFE) Program has collaborated with CDFA's Office of Environmental Farming and Innovation (OEFI) to develop the Livestock Enteric Methane Emission Reduction Research Program (LEMER-RP) and solicit proposals for funding. A member of the SAFE Program has collaborated with OEFI as a subject matter

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expert, and two members of SAFE's Technical Advisory Sub Committee will serve on the LEMER-RP review panel. A total of 23 proposals were received in response to the Phase I solicitation, with 19 proposals selected to advance to Phase II. The overall goal for these research projects is to help the dairy and livestock sectors address key barriers to

achieving California's climate goals, as well as efforts to continue advancing climate-smart agriculture, through studying the use of feed additives or other dietary modifications. To learn more about the LEMER-RP, please visit CDFA's Enteric Methane Emission Reduction Programs webpage, <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/enteric/>.

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## **Federal Updates**

### ***Animal Feed Regulatory Program Standards Cooperative Agreement***

The Commercial Feed Regulatory Program (CFRP) continues to make progress on the five year Animal Feed Regulatory Program Standards (AFRPS) Maintenance and Preventive Controls (PC) Option cooperative agreement with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). FDA Office of Regulatory Affairs Audit Staff conducted a remote mid-interval assessment on June 23, 2023, and determined that CFRP has achieved full implementation of the 2020 standards; a full assessment is scheduled for January 2024 to verify full implementation of the updated 2023 standards. CFRP was awarded \$525,000 to support year four activities for this agreement, including updates needed for compliance with the 2023 standards, continued development of state PC inspections, and training staff to become Qualified Field Inspection Auditors in compliance with FMD-76. CFRP is working on getting remaining staff trained to conduct both federal Animal Food Safety Contract inspections and state PC inspections and plans to begin conducting state PC inspections in 2024.

### ***Animal Food Safety Contract***

CFRP has finalized its 2023/2024 Animal Food Safety Contract with FDA totaling \$152,640.87. The contract year began on September 24, 2023, and will end on September 23, 2024. CFRP staff will perform comprehensive inspections at livestock feed facilities during this contract year. Staff will verify compliance with the federal animal food requirements applicable to each firm, including the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) and the Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE), Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) and Medicated Feed rules.

### ***Laboratory Flexible Funding Model Samples***

CFRP inspectors will once again be assisting the California Animal Health and Food Safety (CAHFS) Laboratory in obtaining feed samples in support of their Laboratory Flexible Funding Model (LFFM) agreement with FDA. CFRP inspectors will obtain 50 samples of whole corn, two samples of game bird feed, three samples of dried distillers' grains, and two samples of soybean meal by May 2024.

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## **Webpage**

The Safe Animal Feed Education (SAFE) Program has revamped and launched a new webpage for everything related to feed and feed ingredients. The webpage is a resource for finding approved feed ingredients, learning more about the ingredient approval processes, and houses annual mycotoxin, sampling, and tonnage reports.

<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/is/ffldrs/FeedandFeedIngredients.html>

SAFE will also have a new webpage for SAFE Research. This webpage houses information and, eventually, published results of SAFE funded research studies. This webpage is also a resource for feed related research grant opportunities.

## **ExtraView Database How to Videos**

SAFE has been working to create step by step how to videos to help industry navigate each step of the licensing and tonnage reporting process for the Commercial Feed Regulatory Program (CFRP). Six new videos will be launched on the CFRP webpage soon!

- How to Create a New Account in the ExtraView Database
- How to Apply for a Commercial Feed License
- How to Renew or Discontinue a Commercial Feed License
- How to Report Feed Inspection Tonnage Tax
- How to Pay for Items in Your Cart
- How to Voluntarily Report Tonnage of By-products (Organic Waste) Diverted to Animal Feed

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