



February 2020

Dear 4-H Market Livestock Member:

As in the past we are asking for your signature verifying that you are using correct feeding and health care practices for your animals.

FDA Regulation 21 CFR 589.2000 states that animal proteins are prohibited in ruminant feeds. The FDA defines animal protein as “any protein containing portions of mammalian animals **excluding**: blood and blood products; gelatin; inspected meat products which have been cooked and offered for human food and further processed for feed (such as plant waste and used cellulose food casings); milk products, and any product whose only mammalian protein consists entirely of porcine (pig) or equine (horse) protein.”

Because of this regulation, commercial feed suppliers do not include the prohibited ingredients in their prepared feed mixes. It is important that you do pay attention to feed labels and feed only those feeds that have been mixed for that species to that species. Example hog feed or chicken feed should not be fed to cattle, sheep or goats.

A number of packers and meat processors, as well as retail operations, have established certification programs to insure that they are receiving animals that have been properly cared for. They have made it clear **that they will not accept or purchase any ruminant animals that have been fed any feed containing protein from ruminant tissues, or any animals that have illegal levels of drug residues.**

As a 4-H project member you will need to sign, along with your parent or guardian a form certifying that your ruminant sale animals (cattle, sheep and goats) have not been fed proteins derived from ruminants animal tissue, and that NONE of your animals (cattle, sheep, & hogs) sold will have illegal levels of drug residue. This simply puts in writing the management practices you should be following throughout your project.

You need to turn in a form even if your family has already completed a form for the local stockyards. This form will be kept on file and a copy sent with each animal sold in the Livestock Sale, to the designated processor.

We will not sell any animals that do not have the exhibitor’s form on file in the Livestock Sale.

These efforts should help us assure buyers and consumers that you are doing everything you can to bring them a safe, quality product.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to maintaining a quality livestock program.

Sincerely,

**Gretchen Sumbrum**

4-H Educator  
Anne Arundel County  
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## Feed Assurance/Medication Documentation

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, CERTIFY THAT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE:

- ▶ None of my livestock offered for sale in the Anne Arundel County 4-H Livestock Sale on September 14, 2019 will be adulterated within the meaning of the Food and Drug Administration’s Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.
- ▶ No ruminants (beef or sheep) have been fed proteins derived from mammalian tissues as defined in 21 CFR 589.2000.
- ▶ None of my livestock sale animal(s) (cattle, goats, sheep, or swine) will have an illegal level of drug residues.

Please list the 4-H tag number & species of your market sale animal:

Species	4-H Tag #

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 Member Signature

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 Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Member Printed Name

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 Parent Signature

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 Date

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 Parent Printed Name

**PLEASE RETURN AT COUNTY FAIR CHECK-IN**