VFDs must be kept for 2 years.

- Provide VFDs upon request.
- Provide VFDs to the owner or a representative of the establishment at the time the animal is treated.
- Maintain a copy of the VFD for a minimum of 2 years.
- Distribute a copy of the VFD through your facility.
- Ensure expiration dates on all VFDs.
- Not feed a VFD feed or combination VFD feed to animals after the expiration date on the VFD.
- Only feed a VFD feed or combination VFD feed to animals prior to the expiration date on the VFD.

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Order

A VFD or combination VFD feed must not be fed to animals after the expiration date on the VFD.

What are My Responsibilities as the “Client”?

Client’s Responsibilities

- Medicated feed is not permitted.
- Extra-label use of VFD feed (or any other combination VFD feed) is not permitted.
- Include a VFD with any medicated feed.

What is the difference between an “expiration date” and “use by” date?

- The “expiration date” is the date the VFD or combination VFD feed must be used by.
- The “use by” date is the date the VFD or combination VFD feed may be used.

Extra-label use is defined in PDA’s regulations as follows:

"Extra-label use" is defined as using a VFD drug and is not in accordance with the approved drug label. The VFD drug label must be submitted to the VFD.

How do I use a VFD feed?
What does professional supervision mean?

A VFD feed can only be used under the professional supervision of a licensed veterinarian, as required by the Federal law. The veterinarian must be located in the same state as the producer. The veterinarian must be a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and must have a valid license to practice veterinary medicine in that state. The veterinarian must also have access to the VFD order and be knowledgeable about the feed being used.

How does a producer obtain a VFD order?

The VFD order must be obtained from a veterinarian who is licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the state where the producer is located. The VFD order must be signed by the veterinarian and contain the following information:

- The name and address of the producer.
- The name, address, and telephone number of the veterinarian.
- The date of the VFD order.
- The state in which the producer is located.
- The name, address, and telephone number of the veterinarian.
- The name of the feed, the amount of the feed, and the concentration of the active ingredient.
- The number of animals to be fed the feed.
- Any other information that may be required by the federal or state regulations.

In addition, the veterinarian must keep a record of the VFD order, including a copy of the order, the date it was issued, and the name and address of the producer.

What is a VFD drug?

A VFD drug is a drug that is to be used only under the professional supervision of a veterinarian. The VFD drug must be obtained from a veterinarian who is licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the state where the producer is located. The veterinarian must sign the VFD order, which must include the following information:

- The name and address of the producer.
- The name, address, and telephone number of the veterinarian.
- The date of the VFD order.
- The state in which the producer is located.
- The name of the feed, the amount of the feed, and the concentration of the active ingredient.
- The number of animals to be fed the feed.
- Any other information that may be required by the federal or state regulations.

In addition, the veterinarian must keep a record of the VFD order, including a copy of the order, the date it was issued, and the name and address of the producer.