Virginia State Feed Association









Food Safety Modernization Act

- Timeframe: Rules out soon, 120 days comment, final rules out early 2013, enforcement in 2014.
- Exempt firms described as very small businesses based on sales of \$250,000-\$500,000-\$1,000,000
- Feed rules will also have GMP rules







Farm Bill Extension

- Commodities: current programs extended to Sept. 30, including peanuts and sugar
- Dairy programs extended through Dec. 31
- Conservation: Kept at 32 million acres; \$50 million mandatory changed to \$10 million in discretionary spending
- Disaster assistance: 4 programs extended to Sept. 30, 2014



Farm Bill Extension

• Terminated programs: Most food donation programs, survey and reporting requirements of school lunch programs, pending rural development grant applications, ag marketing development programs, National Sheep Industry Improvement Center and rural microentrepeneur assistance program and asparagus assistance program

Farm Bill Extension

- Bottom line: Dairy folks happy, sheep, organic, food banks and asparagus are not happy.
- Extensions cost \$6-9B!
- Very poorly handled
- Discussions have begun for the full renewal to be effective Oct. 1 with a real Farm Bill





Salmonellae Prohibited in Specific Feed

Poultry feed with *Salmonella* Pullorum, *Salmonella* Gallinarum, or *Salmonella* Enteritidis;

Swine feed with *Salmonella* Choleraesuis; Sheep feed with *Salmonella* Abortusovis; Horse feed with *Salmonella* Abortusequi; and

Dairy and beef feed(s) with Salmonella Newport or Salmonella Dublin.



Salmonella in Feed and Ingredients FDA says rabbit feed okay, but will focus on dog and cat food Milk replacer Salmonella findings will be on a "case-by-case" basis "Direct-Human-Contact" or D-H-C will be around the home and dog/cat good only New policy out soon and already in practice

Ethoxyquin

- FDA issued a stakeholder or constituent letter to the feed industry
- The letter reminded firms that there is a 150 parts per million limit in final feed
- Firms need using ethoyxquin in ingredients need to convey the amount to the feed manufacturer.



Ethoxyquin

• Reminded us of the approved uses for this:

(a) It is intended for use only: (1) As a chemical preservative for retarding oxidation of carotene, xanthophylls, and vitamins A and E in animal feed and fish food and, (2) as an aid in preventing the development of organic peroxides in canned pet food.

Inspection Tips

- Know your rights and obligations and their rights and obligations
- Inspectors cannot stop or start a plant
- FDA inspectors cannot interview employees
- Not entitled to see tonnage amounts
- Not allowed to see prices
- Copy what they copy

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Inspection Tips

- Never let an inspector roam freely; have a designated escort each time
- Inspectors are there to collect EVIDENCE
- Keep notes of what the inspector, says, does and whatever samples s/he takes
- Don't keep them waiting
- Review 483s and ask for corrections

Inspection Tips

- Be polite and think of it as an opportunity to show off your plant and company
- Don't allow photographs
- If an inspector can see it, they can copy it
- In rendering plants have wide access to records due to BSE rule
- Not allowed to see prices



Inspection Tips

- Most follow your safety protocols (e.g. signin, wear bump caps, fall protection, etc.)
- Don't sign affidavits without legal review
- Take samples that they take
- Follow-up quickly on any deficiencies in writing and in warning letters
- Commissioner now allows for CEOs to be criminally liable and cited.

Inspection Tips

 And ALWAYS remember: They are there to collect EVIDENCE that can be used in criminal or civil trials or in your competition's complaints!

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