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Feed Program Fees Reduced

The Department has good news for our feed industry partners. While manufacturing and shipping costs continue to increase, your state registration and distribution fees have been lowered. During its last session, the Colorado Legislature restored 50% general funding to the Feed Program. This translates to fee reductions and significant savings for our customers. The 2008 Feed Program fees are as follows:

- **The Commercial Feed Company Registration fee is \$25.00/year.** This fee was previously \$100.00.
- **The Small Package (< 10 lbs) Distribution fees are \$15.00 per product.** These fees were previously \$50.00 per product.
- Distribution (Tonnage) fees for packages that weigh over 10 lbs, and feeds sold in bulk, were reduced on July 1, 2007. **The current Large Package (>10 lbs) Distribution fee is \$0.05/ton.** This fee was previously \$0.15/ton.

Also new for 2008, registration and distribution forms and fees will be due on the same date. Previously, distribution reports and fees were due on January 31st and company registrations were due on May 1st. The due date for both of these forms and fees is now January 31st. This change should eliminate the confusion about due dates and will save time for the registrants.

The Feed Program is an integral part of the nationwide effort by state and federal agencies to ensure the safety of human food and to promote consumer confidence in our food supply. The program, through the enforcement of the Colorado Commercial Feed Law, assures the safety of meat, milk and eggs produced for human consumption by regulating the products fed to food production animals. Consumer protection is also provided for the livestock industries (beef, dairy, swine, equine, poultry and other livestock) as well as pet owners. The program also ensures integrity in the marketplace through the enforcement of feed labeling requirements. These duties are accomplished through the following activities:

- BSE prevention inspections to ensure that no prohibited materials are being fed to cattle or other ruminants.
- Medicated Feed Current Good Manufacturing Practice (cGMP) Inspections in cooperation with FDA
- Complaint investigations
- Sampling and analysis of feed products to ensure product provides the nutrition that is advertised and to detect possible contamination of the feed
- Inspections of commercial feed/ pet food manufacturers and distributors
- Label reviews for truth-in-labeling

In 2007, Colorado's Feed Program registered approximately 950 feed manufacturers and/or distributors. Also during 2007, over 8,200 individual small products were reported to be in distribution. These products are primarily pet foods.

For additional information, please contact the Colorado Department of Agriculture Feed Program at (303) 477-0081 or visit the [Colorado Department of Agriculture Feed Program website](#).