

Livestock Feed Label Components

The Colorado Feed Law (§§35-60 CRS) requires that certain information be present on the label of any feed distributed within the state. This requirement ensures that when you buy animal feed, you have the information needed to make comparisons between similar feeds. A properly formatted label also ensures that you have the information needed to safely and effectively use the product as intended. Inspectors from the Colorado Dept. of Agriculture routinely review feed product labels for compliance. A properly designed feed label consists of the following key pieces of information:

Product Name

This states the name of the product and the brand it is marketed under. The name must be appropriate for the intended use of the feed and it must not be misleading.

Medicated Feed/Drug Purpose Statement

Medicated feeds are required to include the word “medicated” directly following and below the product name in type size no smaller than one-half the type size of the product name. A drug purpose statement must also be included listing the intended purpose(s) of the added drug or drugs. This drug purpose statement may include specific conditions that qualify the drug claim(s). The label is also required to list the active drug ingredient(s) added and its concentration in the feed.

Purpose Statement

The purpose statement states the specific type of animal for which the feed is designed and any specific conditions that may apply. For example, “for meat goats on pasture” is a purpose statement. When the product name includes this information, the purpose statement may be omitted.

Guaranteed Analysis

This guaranteed analysis lists the amounts of nutrients that are guaranteed to be present in the product on an “as is” basis. Requirements for this statement will vary according to the species for which the feed is intended. Colorado Dept. of Agriculture inspectors periodically test commercial feeds to make sure that they contain the amounts of nutrients stated in the guaranteed analysis. If the guarantor fails to meet this guarantee, a withdrawal from distribution order may be placed on that feed and a civil penalty may also be assessed.

Ingredients

Feed manufacturers are required to list the ingredients found in the feed on the label in order of predominance by weight using terms defined in the Official Definitions of Feed Ingredients published in the 2007 Official Publication of the Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) or by the common or usual name of the ingredient. In order to allow flexibility to deal with ingredient availability, some major ingredients are often listed on the label in collective terms such as plant protein products, animal protein products, grain products, forage products, roughage products, processed grain by-products, as well as other collective terms. The ingredient statement will also identify the sources of any supplemented vitamins, minerals and preservatives or additives. Every ingredient in the product must be accounted for.

Directions for Use

Feeding directions must be adequate to enable safe and effective use for the intended purpose by users with no special knowledge of the purpose and use of such articles.

Warning or Cautionary Statements

Any applicable warnings or cautionary statements are either included as part of the feeding directions or listed separately. An example would be “Caution: contains added copper. Do not feed to sheep.” Another caution statement is “Do not feed to cattle or other ruminants” which must appear on any feed or feed ingredient containing materials prohibited from use in ruminant feeds under the FDA’s BSE rule (Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations 589.2001).

Statement of Responsibility

All feed distributed in Colorado must include on the label the name and principal mailing address of the manufacturer or person responsible for distributing the feed. This must include the street address, city, state and zip code. If the guarantor is listed in a phone directory, the street address may be omitted.

Quantity Statement

All feed products must list, on the primary display panel, a net quantity statement.

Y BRAND FEED

Big Pig No. 20
Medicated

A complete medicated starter feed for pigs weighing 11 to 44 pounds

For increased rate of gain and improved feed efficiency.

Active drug ingredient

Carbadox.....0.002% (20 grams / ton)

Guaranteed Analysis

Crude Protein, minimum.....20.0%
Lysine, minimum.....1.2%
Crude Fat, minimum.....4.0%
Crude Fiber, maximum.....4.0%
Calcium, minimum.....0.8%
Calcium, maximum.....1.3%
Phosphorus, minimum.....0.65%
Salt, minimum.....0.35%
Salt, maximum.....0.85%
Selenium, minimum.....0.1 ppm
Zinc, minimum.....150 ppm

INGREDIENT STATEMENT

Grain Products, Meat and Bone Meal, Processed Grain By-Products, Dried Whey, Calcium Lignin Sulfonate, Animal Fat, Vitamin A Supplement, D-Activated Animal Sterol (source of Vitamin D3), L-Lysine, Riboflavin Supplement, Choline Chloride, Biotin, Thiamine Mononitrate, Pyridoxine Hydrochloride, Vitamin E Supplement, Menadione Sodium Bisulfite Complex (source of Vitamin K Activity), Folic Acid, Ethoxyquin (a preservative), Ground Limestone, Dicalcium Phosphate, Salt, Copper Sulfate, Manganous Oxide, Zinc Oxide, Ferrous Sulfate, Cobalt Carbonate, Calcium Iodate, Sodium Selenite.

FEEDING DIRECTIONS:

Feed as the complete ration to pigs weighing 11 to 44 pounds.

WARNING: DO NOT FEED TO SWINE WITHIN 42 DAYS OF SLAUGHTER.

CAUTION: NOT FOR USE IN PREGNANT SWINE OR SWINE INTENDED FOR BREEDING PURPOSES

CAUTION: DO NOT FEED TO CATTLE OR OTHER RUMINANTS.

Y BRAND FEEDS
BUFFALO CREEK, CO, 80425

NET WT 50 LB (22.67 kg)