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To: Oregon Livestock Producers

Re: Custom feed labeling

During BSE prevention on-farm visits this summer I've repeatedly heard comments that the feedmill will not tell you what is in the bulk mix they are delivering. You have protections under the Oregon feed law as the final consumer of a custom feed. Below is an excerpt of the law explaining how a custom feed should be labeled. Number 5 explains what the feed mill must disclose when you ask.

ORS 633.028 Information required to accompany custom mixed feed; rules; records. (1) A custom mixed feed delivered to a final consumer must be accompanied by at least one label, invoice, delivery slip or other shipping document that bears all of the following information:

- (a) The name and principal mailing address of the manufacturer.
- (b) The name and address of the final consumer.
- (c) The date of delivery.
- (d) The quantity delivered.

(e) Adequate directions for use if the custom mixed feed contains drugs or if the State Department of Agriculture, by rule, determines that directions are necessary for safe and effective use of the feed.

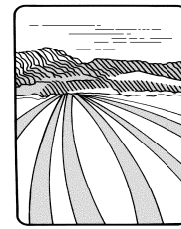
(2) If the custom mixed feed contains drugs, the label, invoice, delivery slip or other shipping document referred to in subsection (1) of this section must bear the following information in addition to the information required under subsection (1) of this section:

- (a) A statement of the claimed purpose of the drugs;
- (b) The established name of each active drug ingredient; and
- (c) The level of each drug used in the final mixture.

(3) If a custom mixed feed is delivered to a final consumer in bags or other containers, each container must be labeled with the name of the final consumer or with the order number. If a custom mixed feed is delivered in bulk, the name of the final consumer or the order number must be printed on each delivery ticket or on a label attached to each delivery ticket.

(4) A person that distributes a custom mixed feed to a final consumer shall ensure that all labels, invoices, delivery tickets or other shipping documents required by this section accompany the custom mixed feed.

(5) Upon request, a distributor shall provide a final consumer with the information required by this section, including but not limited to the name and number of pounds of each ingredient or commercial feed used in the custom mixed feed. A seller shall maintain records adequate to derive the information required by this subsection for two years from the date of sale. The department may inspect records required under this subsection and any unsold quantities of custom mixed feed during the seller's regular business hours. [2001 c.137 §3]



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If you encounter any difficulties obtaining this information please call my office so I can explain to the mill their obligations.

ODA visits 10-20 cattle feeders per year to verify the ban on feeding ruminant protein to cattle is in place. These are BSE-prevention inspections that FDA contracts ODA to perform. Under the rules laid out by FDA in 1997, anyone feeding cattle is obligated to do the following:

- 1.) Look for and follow the warning “Do not feed to cattle or other ruminants” on ALL inbound feeds.
- 2.) Keep labels and invoices of any feed containing ANY animal protein for a year. These may include milk replacers (whey), protein blocks (feathers) or commodities such as porcine blood meal.
- 3.) Store feeds for cattle and non-ruminant species separately.

During these visits, we’ll review feeds coming on the farm and the type of animals present. The inspections take less than a half an hour and I will try to call ahead and schedule an appointment.

Thanks for providing Oregon safe meat, eggs and milk!

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