



DID YOU KNOW?

There are several ways to identify treated meat animals:

- Inserting a tag with treatment information into an existing ear tag
- Using paint to mark an animal that has been treated
- Moving treated animals to a separate pen



Follow the 5R's to Prevent Veterinary Drug Residue in Meat Animals

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1 RELATIONSHIPS

Develop good relationships with people involved in the process

- Establish a good Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR)
- Review veterinary recommendations with employees/ family members who work on the farm
- Provide employees/family members with regular training on the prevention of meat residues as well as farm protocols for handling animals that have been treated

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2 RESPONSIBLE USE

Use and handle veterinary drugs responsibly

- Minimize use of veterinary drugs to times when they are medically necessary (less use = fewer chances for a residue)
- Store medicated feeds in a way that would prevent accidental use
- Properly label and store prescription and extra-label drugs, including information on appropriate meat withdrawal times
- Develop animal treatment protocols with the help of the farm veterinarian

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3 RECORDKEEPING

Maintain good records to document treatments

- Use a good system to identify individual animals
- Maintain a recordkeeping system to document all treatments given
- Identify the animal before it is treated
- Record the treatment before it is administered
- Keep treatment records for at least THREE years
- Establish a system for identifying and separating treated animals

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4 RESPECT

Withdrawal times and usage limitations

- Use the drug only as the FDA label specifies UNLESS your veterinarian prescribes the drug for extra-label usage
- Follow withdrawal periods set by the drug manufacturers and your veterinarian (if using extra-label)

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5 REMOVE DOUBT

- Review treatment records prior to selling an animal

For additional information visit www.mda.state.mn.us/residue-prevention