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## 1981 NATIONAL DRUG WITHDRAWAL GUIDE FOR DAIRYMEN



## WARNING! KEEP DRUG AND CHEMICAL RESIDUES OUT OF MILK, CULL COWS AND VEAL CALVES

1	Follow label directions for milk and meat withdrawal times. Keep a list of treated
	animals Review before milking or shipping animals

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- 2 Discard all milk from treated cows Any infusion or injection of a cow with antibiotics will enter the bloodstream and cause adulteration of all milk of that cow for the milk withholding period specified
- 3 Calculate preslaughter drug withdrawal and milk discard times accurately -be in with last milking or time of administration
- 4 Segregate all treated animals from milking herd until full withholding period is past or mark all treated animals with a foolproof identification method and be certain all personnel understand the procedure
- 5 Be sure veterinarian always informs you of any drugs used and the proper withholding periods required for each drug and/or safe date to market milk or animals treated
- 6 Use proper dose only in animal species and size of animal to be treated—overdosing and use of drugs in improper species may cause illegal residues
- 7 Place all antibiotics and the entire treatment program under the control of a responsible individual Store all antibiotics in a safe place.
- 8 Keep accurate records of all treated cows including breeding and freshening dates for proper drying off and dry cow therapy Remember withdrawal periods for dry cow treatment products are long, and specified on the label.
- 9 Understand the significance and importance of eliminating illegal drug residues in milk, cull cows and calves. Violative animals may be condemned at slaughter because of illegal drug or other chemical residues in the meat. Milk with antibiotics can adulterate a whole truckload and/or entire holding tank.

**Product Liability** 

The sale of contaminated or adulterated milk or meat may cause the responsible party to be subjected to product liability lawsuits

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- times vary-read the label carefully. 2 Do not ship milk or cull cows that may contain drug residues.
- 3 Do not add more milk if a treated animal's milk may have gotten in the tank—have the milk checked prior to the addition of more milk or dump the milk

**DON'TS** 

1 Do not rely on memory for proper withdrawal times—preslaughter and milk withdrawal

- 4 Do not add purchased cows to milking herd until their milk has been checked for
- 5 Do not "doubledose" or "overdose" -use of the same drug in the feed and by injection can cause illegal residues
- 6 Do not take chances with antibiotics -allow proper withdrawal times for feeds containing drugs- during the withdrawal time, storage bins and feeders for withdrawal feed must be completely free of medicated feed and only drug-free feed should be used or illegal residues may result.
- 7 Do not "just use drugs"—when dairy cattle need treatment, consider what alternatives are available besides antibiotics. If the dairy animal is one that is likely to be culled, consider the length of holding time if antibiotics are used
- 8 Do not misuse drugs. All dairymen must control drug use or run the risk of losing the opportunity of having antibiotics available for treatment



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