

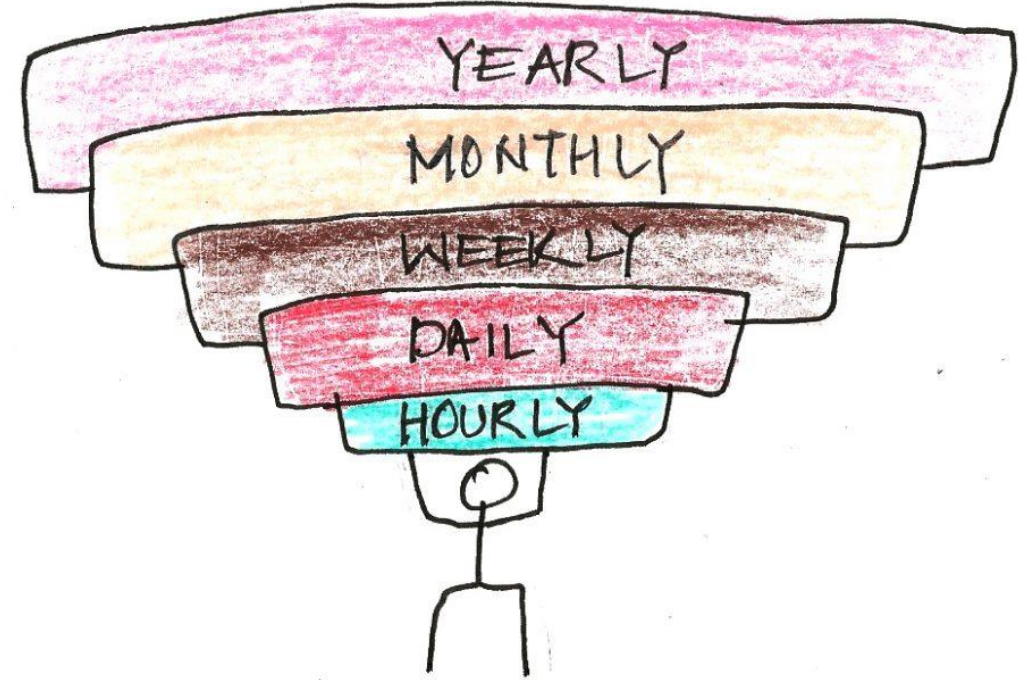
LIVESTOCK RECORD KEEPING

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WHY KEEP RECORDS

- To know if you have reached your goal
- Financial records
- Utilize as a planning tool
- Keep track of feed production



WHY KEEP RECORDS

- Accurate records on top-producing animals
- Identify areas of improvement
- Trace of diseases
- Pasture Movement
- Tax purposes

Goal



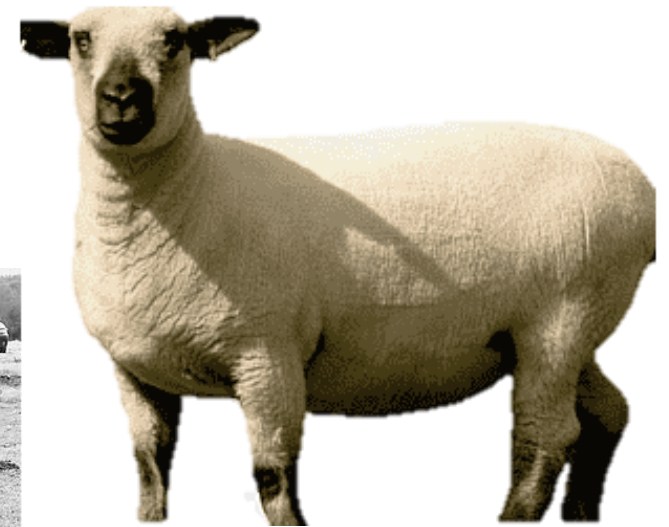
Be specific



establish a clear, logical reason(s) why pursuing this goal makes sense.

PRODUCTION RECORDS

- Performance information
 - Birth & Reproduction
 - Health & Survival
 - Culling records
 - Pasture production
 - Feed production
 - Sales

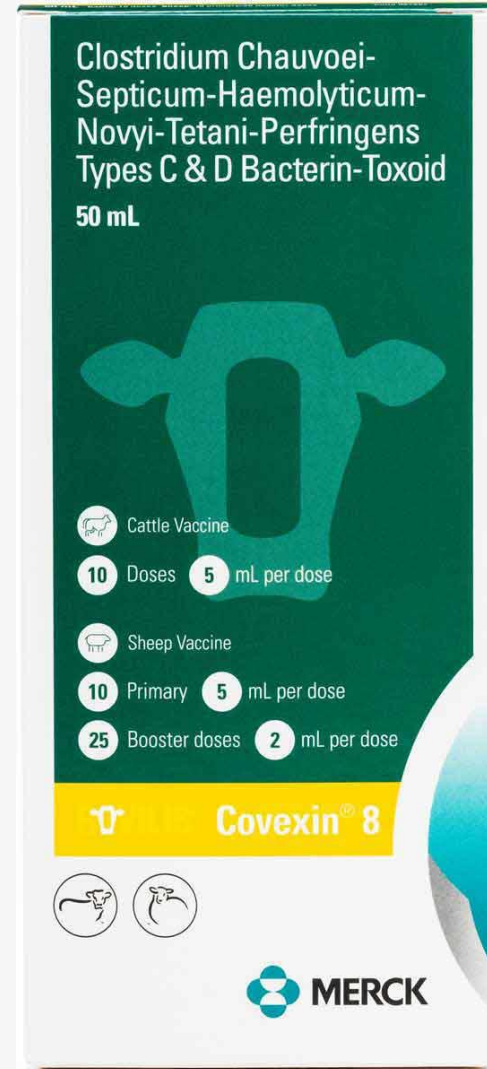


Score 1	Score 2	Score 3	Score 4	Score 5
Spine is very prominent, virtually no muscle on the back and it feels concave. You can feel short ribs individually from above.	Can feel spine easily, back muscle is slightly concave and not rounded. You can't easily palpate the short ribs from above.	Need moderate pressure to feel short ribs. Back muscle becoming rounded.	Can feel short ribs with strong pressure, back is rounded with soft light fat cover, muscle and fat under short ribs is deep.	Obese; fat rolls either side of spine, spine is in a dimple, impossible to feel short ribs, fat either side of tail head.
				

The Beef + Lamb New Zealand website has more resources, including a helpful learning module for Body Condition Scoring. Go to beeflambnz.com and search "body condition score"

VACCINATION/TREATMENT RECORDS

- The purpose of vaccinating is to protect the herd from harmful diseases for health, economic, and welfare reasons.
 - Record what vaccination/treatment you give
 - Serial/Lot number
 - Company
 - Expiration Date
 - Withdrawal Time
 - Dose given
 - Where is was given
- Dewormer
 - Type of wormers – oral drenches, pour-ons and injectables
 - Dose given
 - Company



TREATMENT RECORDS

Animal treated

What indicated treatment

Date of treatment

Product

Route of administration

Dosage given

Product lot/serial number

Withdrawal time

Person administering

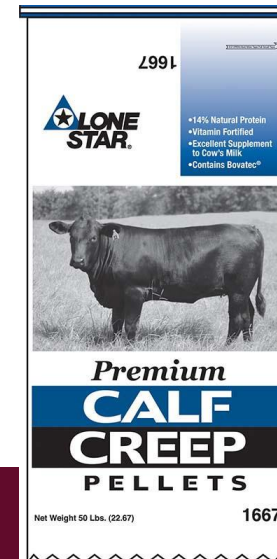
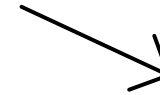
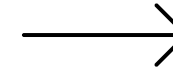
Comments



Feeding Records

- Date of feed purchased
- Amount of feed
- Supplements
- What pasture do you place the supplement in
- Total cost – include in your record book

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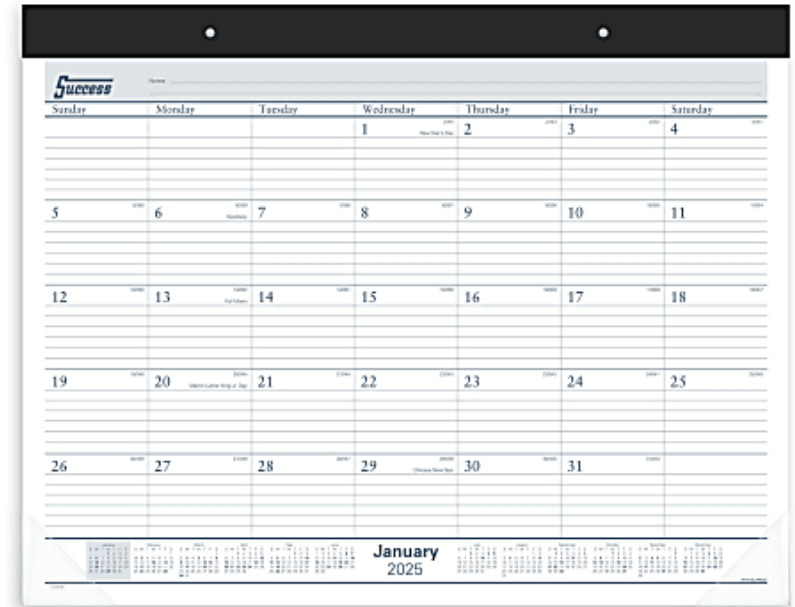
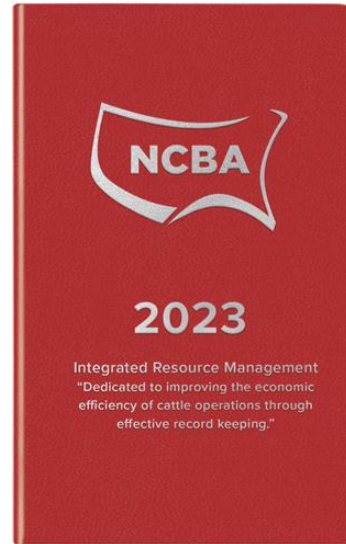


Record Keeping Methods



How Do You Keep Your Records?

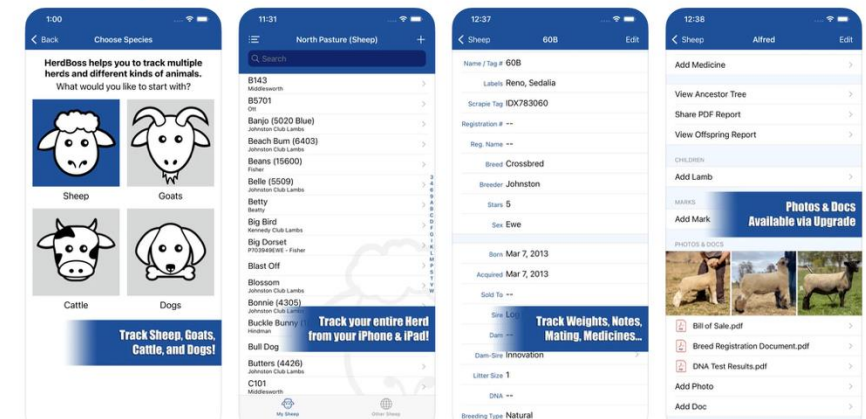
- Desktop Calendar
- Computer Software
- Binder/Notepad
- Other



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Screenshots iPhone iPad



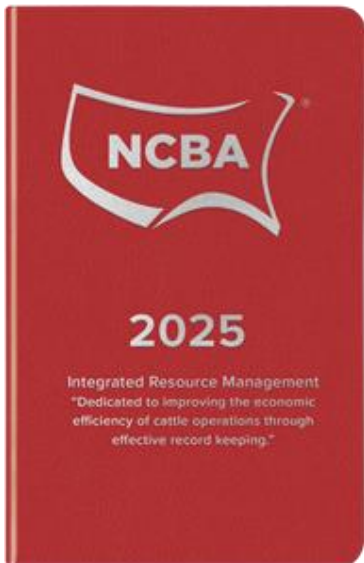
RECORD KEEPING METHODS

- ***Manual Record Keeping***

- Inexpensive
- Create Your Own
- Easy to Use
- Take it everywhere

- ***Electronic Record Keeping***

- MUST HAVE A DEVICE
- Eliminate Math Errors
- \$\$ more than Manual Book
- End of the year Organizer - TAX



Electronic Record Book

- Make sure the app has the “features” that fit your needs.
- Subscription & Storage fees
- Wi-Fi and cellular data accessibility

“Does this make sense for my operation?”



Record Recommendation



Fit into your operation



User friendly



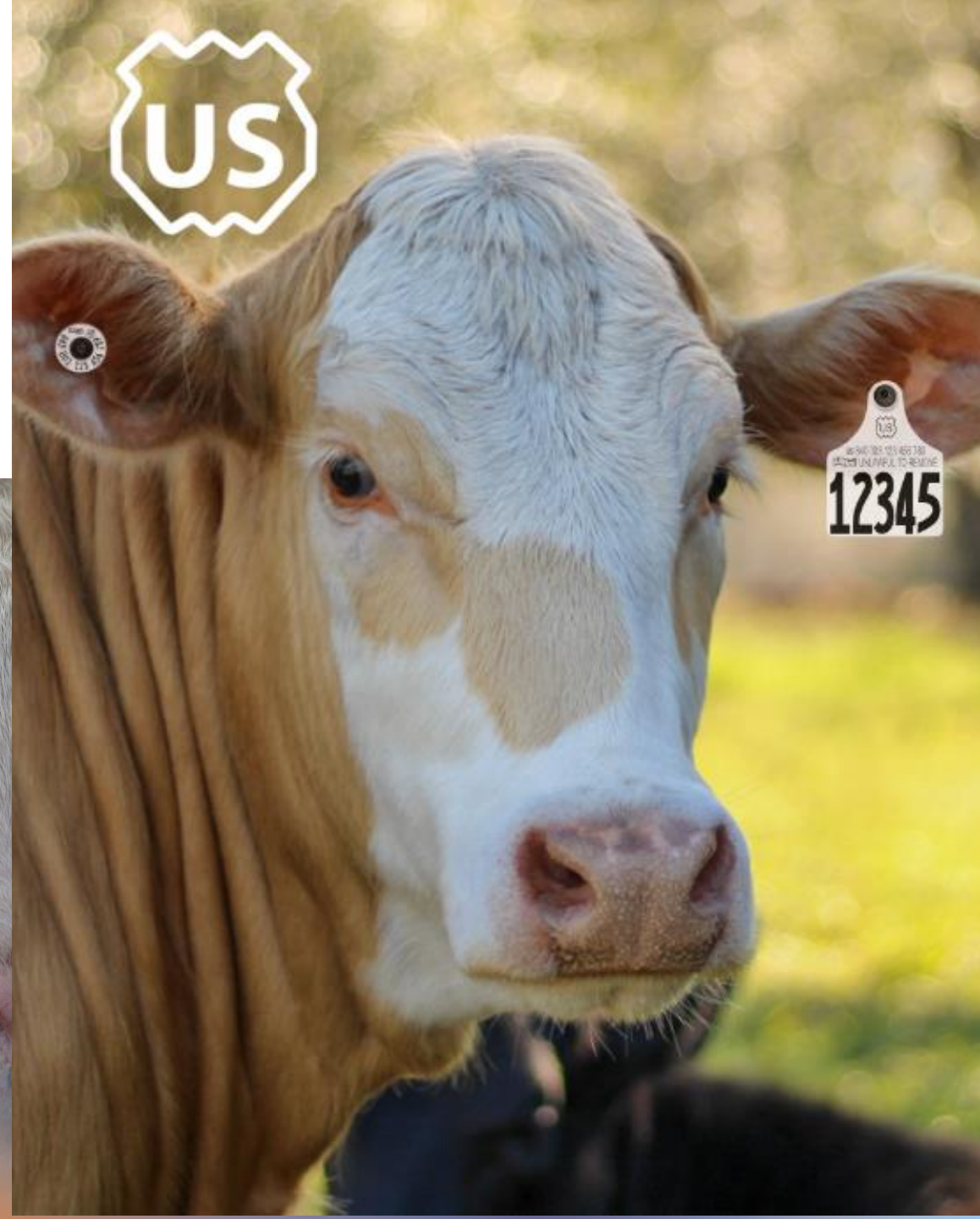
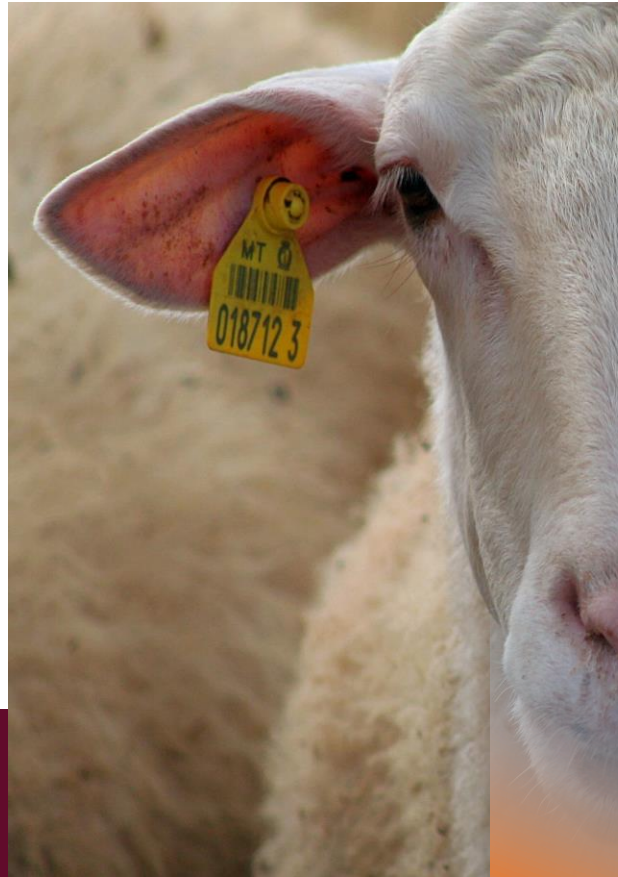
Provide necessary information



WRITTEN OR ELECTRONIC

Animal Identification

- Ear Tag
- Electronic Identification
 - ✓ Avoid Duplication
 - ✓ Easy to read
 - ✓ Easy to apply



Lambing/Breeding Record

Breeding & Lambing Record

EWE ID: 2310 Breed: Hampshire Scrapie ID: NM038D202
DOB: 3/10/23 Sire: Tomahawk Dam: Top Teir 2112

Date Bred	Ram	Due Date	Lambing Date	# Born	Notes
9/12/24	Scar Face	2/5/25	2/10/25	1	A very good mama. No difficult birth - a good lambing ease.

DOB	Lamb ID	Sex	Notes
2/10/25	2500	F	has good quality structure

- What is included in a lambing report
 - Ewe Identification
 - Ram identification
 - Lamb #
 - Female or Male
 - DOB
 - Vaccinations
 - Any comments – Ex: the mother has dystocia problem, or both Ewe and Lamb are healthy but have a few behavioral changes.

Cattle Breeding Record

Have an ideal management for your reproductive program.

Cow Identification

Bull identification

Calf #

Female or Male

DOB

Vaccinations

Any remarks – For instance, the mother is experiencing dystocia, or both the cow and calf are healthy but are showing slight behavioral changes.

Cow Breeding & Calving Record					
COW ID:	2310	Breed:	Black Angus		
DOB:	3/10/23	Sire:	1112	Dam:	2112
Date Bred	Bull	Due Date	Calving Date	# Born	Notes
6/10/24	1105	3/25/25	3/19/25	1	A good mama-Very protective.
DOB	Calf ID	Sex	Notes		
3/19/25	2510	M			

Cull Record

- Date
- Animal ID
- Reason for culling
- Age
- Sex
- Breed
- Comments – sale barn



Treatment Record

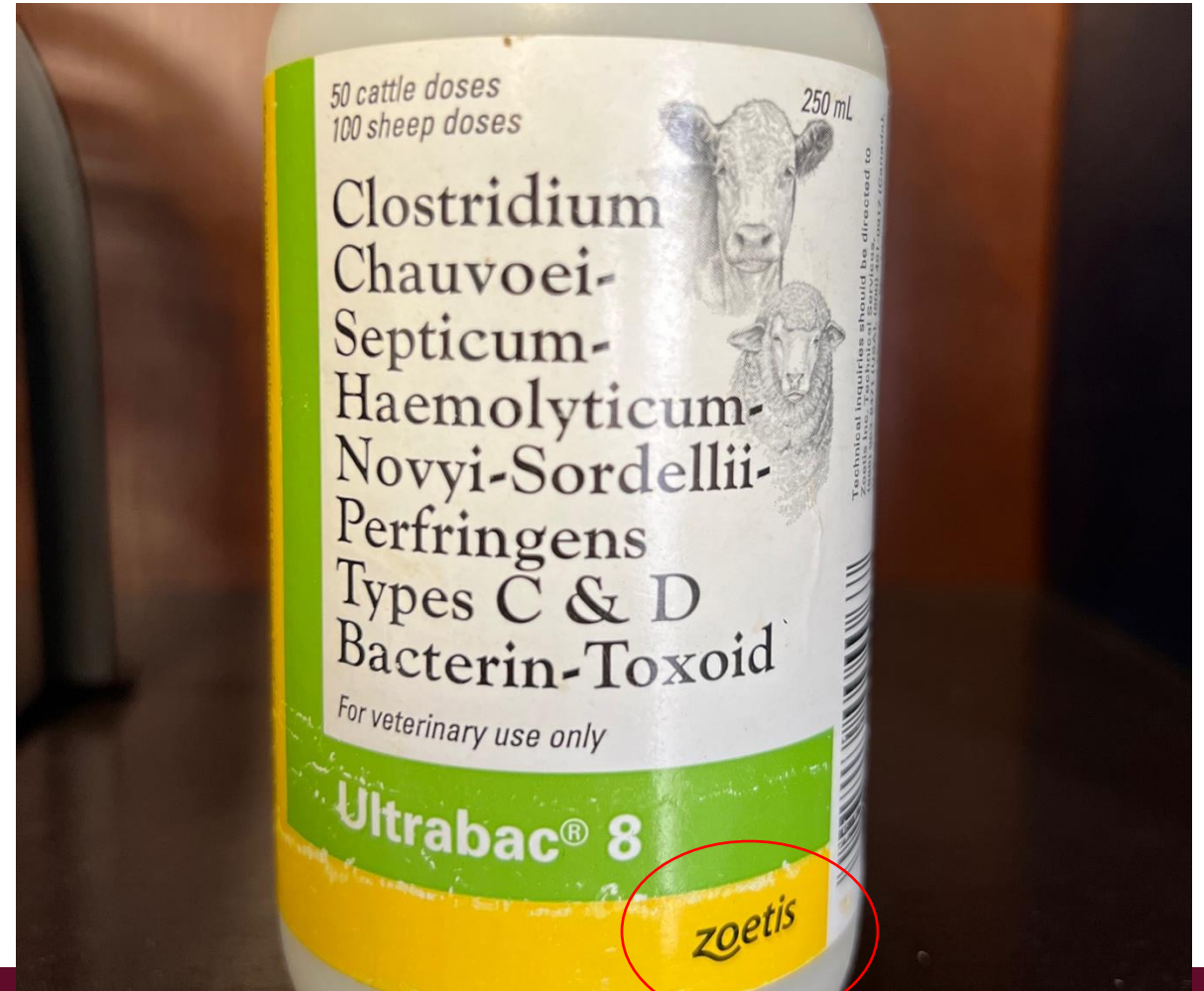
Treatment Record 2025								
Animal ID	Date of Treatment	Treatment Administered (product & method of treatment)	Withdrawal Time (MEAT) (hrs/days)	Dose	Vacc Exp. Date	Completed Withdrawal (MEAT)	Site	Comments (specific)
2301	Date: 1/21/25 ☒ am ☐ pm	BO-SE Injection (selenium, Vitamin E) Merck Product - SQ	14 Days	1 mL (40 pds)		Date: 2/3/2025 ☒ am ☐ pm	N	Arched back, stiffness in hindquarters, Oder & Pneumonia
	Date: ☐ am ☐ pm					Date: ☐ am ☐ pm		
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Method of Treatment Injections: (SQ) Subcutaneous, (IM) intramuscular, (IV) Intravenous, (OD) Oral Drench, (T) Topical, (IN) Intranasal

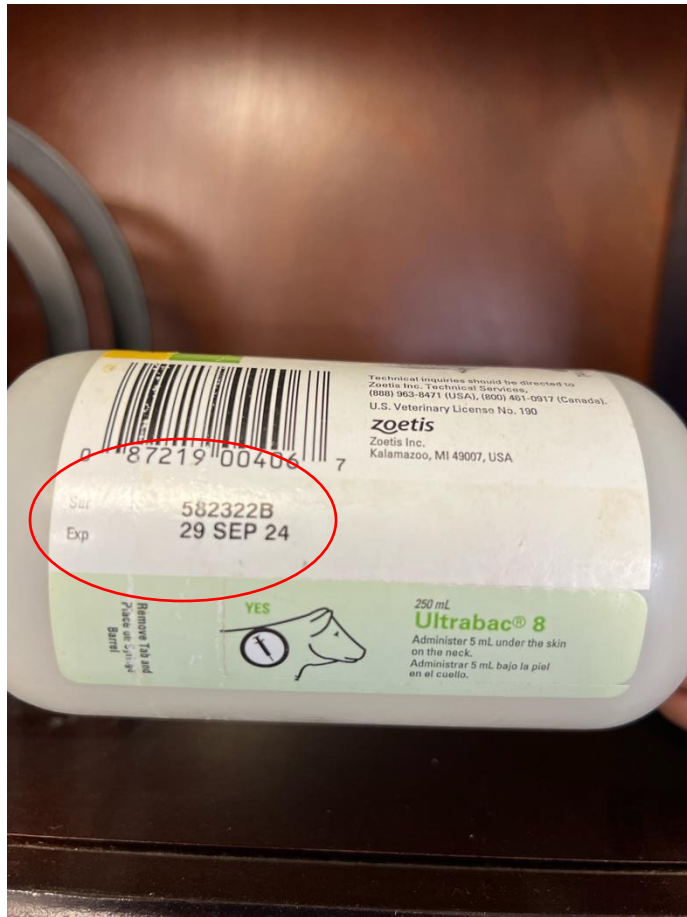
Site: (N)Neck, specific: (FOS) Front of Shoulder (L) Left or (R)Right

Vaccination Record

- **Company**
- Serial Number
- Expiration Date
- Dose
- Route
- Booster given
- Withdrawal Date
- Location
- Date
- Vaccination Administered



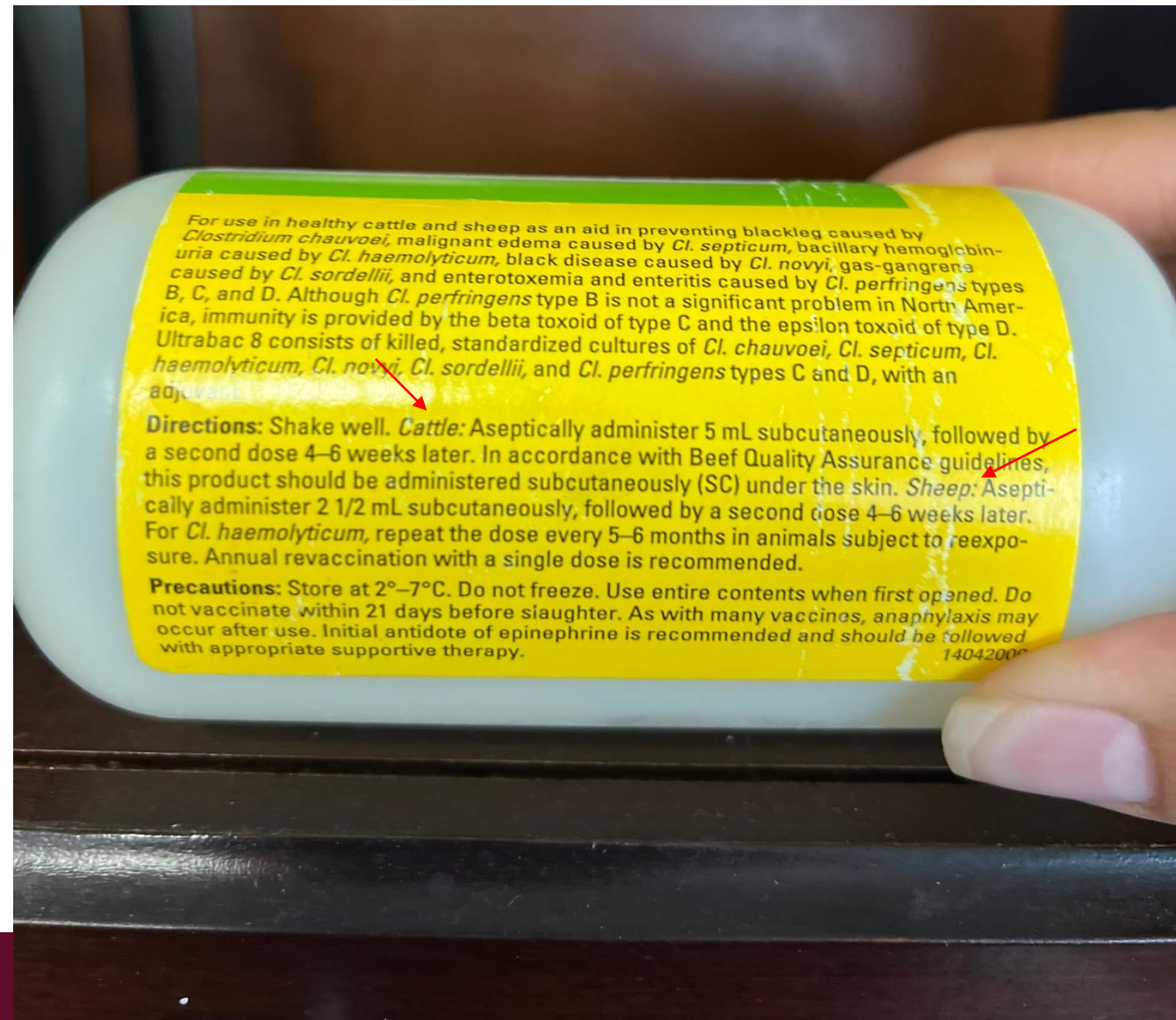
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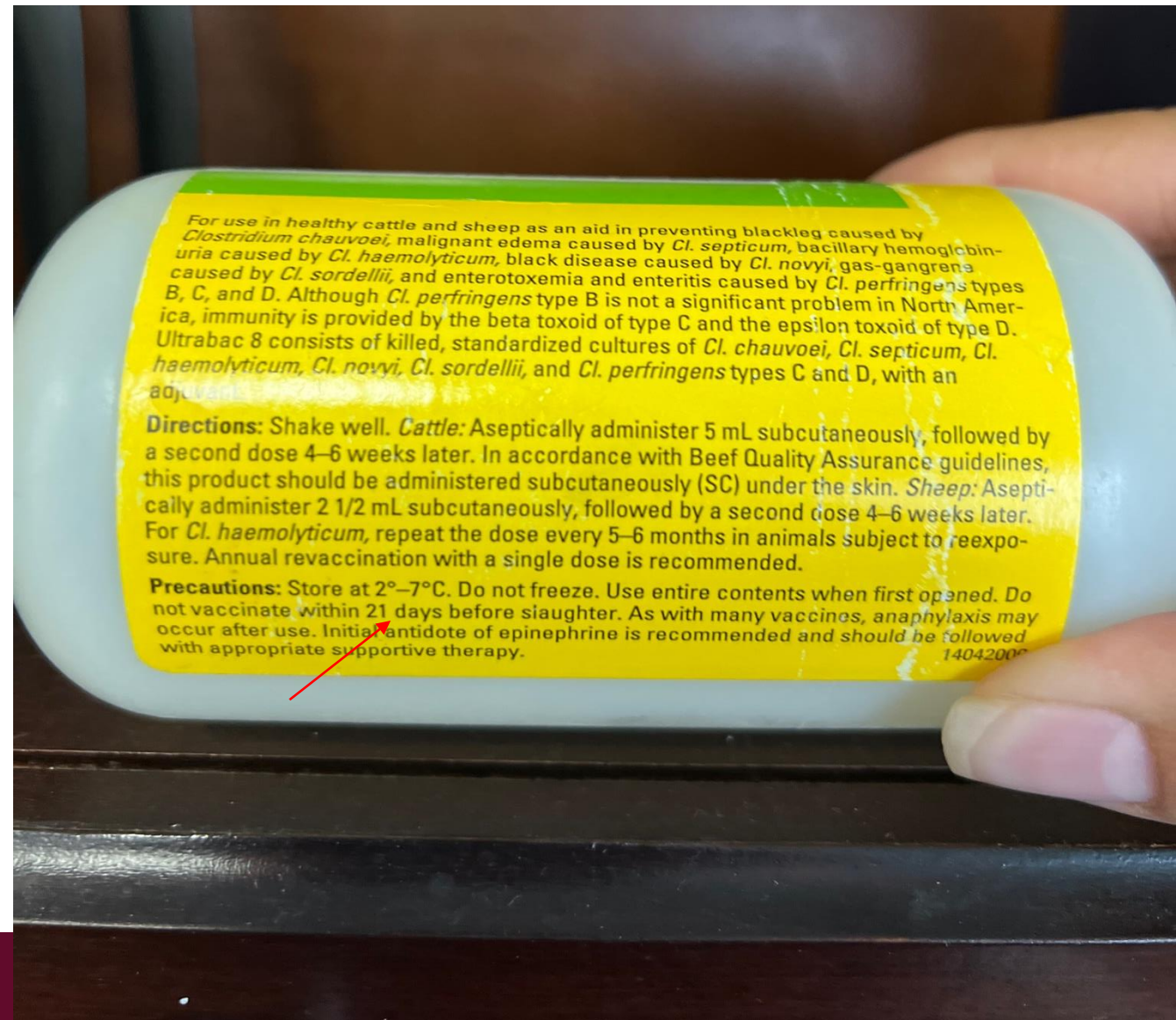
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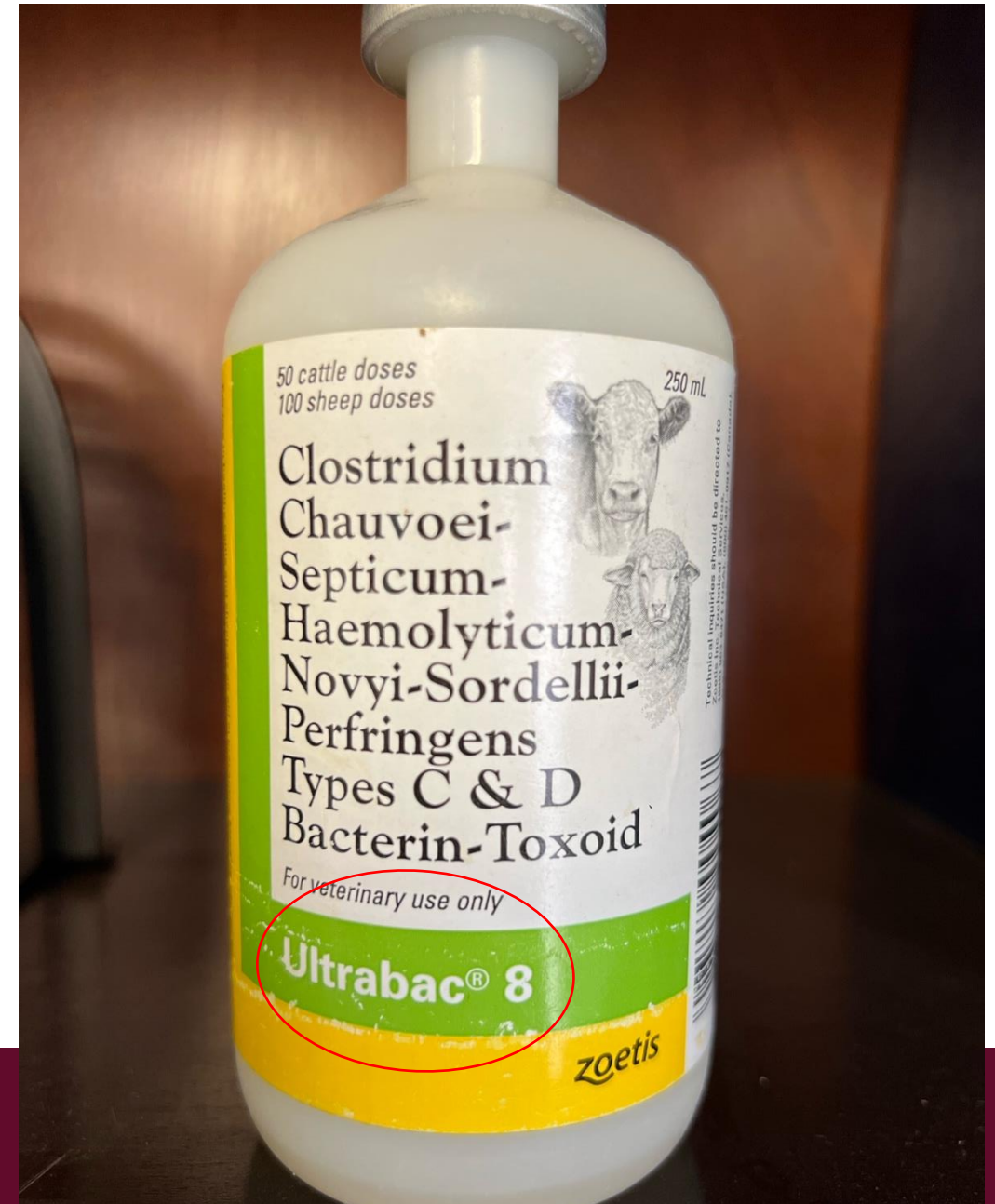
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Livestock Sales

- A bill of sale for livestock is important for record-keeping purposes.
- Records are easily accessible on-site for inspection
- Documentation must reflect your operation
- All records must be clear, well-organized

HEALTH PRE-CONDITIONING CERTIFICATION

Description / Identify of Cattle: _____

Number of Steers: _____ Number of Heifers: _____

Virus & Pasteurella (Mannheimia) Vaccine:

Production Name: _____ Date given: _____

Production Name: _____ Date given: _____

Production Name: _____ Date given: _____

Blackleg (7-way or 8-way Clostridial) or Blackleg / Somnus:

Production Name: _____ Date given: _____

Production Name: _____ Date given: _____

Production Name: _____ Date given: _____

Other Vaccines:

Production Name: _____ Date given: _____

Parasite Control:

Production Name: _____ Date given: _____

Production Name: _____ Date given: _____

Weaning: The described cattle were weaned (date): _____

Feed since weaning: _____

Additional Information: _____

Owner/Ranch Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone#: _____

TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IS TRUE AND ACCURATE:

Print Name/Signature: _____ Date: _____



Summary

- Keep a habit of record-keeping
- Choose a method that works best for you
- Record what is important to your operation that will reach your goal