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Check List for Minimizing Out-of-Feed Events By: Dr. Mike Brumm

Empty Feed Storage Devices

1. Is there a schedule for inspection and inventory of feed storage devices?
2. Are feed delivery amounts and dates compared to estimated amounts and dates?
3. Are feed inventories at production facilities anticipated when feed mills are unable to delivery feed such as during weekends or during periods of repair and maintenance?
4. Are standard operating procedures developed for timing of feed orders and deliveries?
5. Is there clear identification of the person responsible for placement of feed orders and verification of delivery of orders in a timely manner?
6. Are storage devices clearly labeled to assure that feed is placed in the correct device?

Bridging of Feed in Storage Devices

1. Are feed storage devices clean and free of mold and old feed on sidewalls and slopes?
2. Are agitation devices available for feed storage devices?
3. Is a rubber mallet available for use on metal storage devices to create vibrations to dislodge bridged feed?
4. Have options for a change in ingredients and/or particle size been discussed with a nutritionist?

Maintenance and Repair of Feed Delivery Devices

1. Is there a planned schedule for maintenance of feed delivery devices such as auger lines and proximity switches?
2. Is there an inventory on-hand of routine parts needed to keep feed delivery devices operating?
3. In the event of a major mechanical failure, is there a plan for keeping feeders stocked with feed while repairs are accomplished?

Overall

1. Are Standard Operating Procedures in place specifying how out-of-feed events are to be resolved?
2. Is an out-of-feed event a reportable event?

This checklist is an additional resource for the October *Hub Podcast: 'Out of Feed Events'* which can be found on our website in the Swine Tips & Tools section. www.hubbardfeeds.com