What do I need to do to comply with the FDA’s feed regulations?

- You **CANNOT** feed ruminants prohibited animal proteins
- You **MUST** keep copies of labels and invoices for all purchased feeds that contain animal proteins, whether they contain prohibited material or not, for at least one year

1. **FEEDING**

   **“Read Before You Feed!”**

   - **READ** your feed labels and invoices to ensure feeds for ruminants do not contain prohibited materials
   - **IF** you only feed ruminants, **TELL** your supplier that you require feeds that are approved for use in ruminants
   - **BE SURE** feeds containing prohibited materials are labeled with the warning: **DO NOT FEED TO CATTLE OR OTHER RUMINANTS**
   - **Store and handle feeds** intended for ruminants **SEPARATELY** from feeds for non-ruminants to avoid confusion and cross-contamination

2. **MIXING FEED ON THE FARM**

   Use **separate equipment** to mix and deliver ruminant feeds and non-ruminant feeds containing **PROHIBITED MATERIAL**. If this is not possible, then thoroughly clean the equipment between feeds to avoid cross-contamination.

3. **RECORD KEEPING**

   - Purchased feeds containing **ANIMAL PROTEIN**, prohibited or not, should include the supplier’s name and address, the date of purchase or delivery, and identification of the product and amount. Keep these records for at least **ONE YEAR**
   - When mixing feeds containing **PROHIBITED MATERIAL** for non-ruminants, **keep records** of the procedures used, date of manufacture, the formulations and batches mixed for all feeds, and the actions adopted for cleaning equipment

4. **REPORTING**

   The clinical signs of BSE are variable and may not include typical “mad cow” behavior. Most cattle with BSE show a **GRADUAL DEVELOPMENT OF SIGNS** over weeks or months, although some can deteriorate very rapidly.

   **Call your veterinarian if you observe cattle showing:**
   - Changes in behavior (e.g. nervousness or aggression)
   - Abnormal posture or incoordinated movement
   - Progressive loss of condition or milk yield