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Tennessee Farmers Cooperative issues limited recall of custom horse feed mix

Product only distributed in East Tennessee and Northeast South Carolina

(LaVergne, TN – Nov. 16, 2005) — Tennessee Farmers Cooperative (TFC) is voluntarily recalling four specific lots of a custom horse feed, Co-op 10% Grain Mix (item #93638), manufactured at TFC's feed mill in Rockford, Tenn., with the lot numbers 4276593638, 4283593638, 4287593638, or 4290593638 printed on the back of the bags. This feed was distributed between Oct. 10 and 25, 2005, to five Co-op feed outlets in East Tennessee and one store in northeastern South Carolina.

Laboratory testing has found a potentially harmful level of monensin sodium (Rumensin) in a bag from lot 4287593638, which has been implicated in equine deaths. Monensin sodium, a drug compound approved for use in some livestock species, can be fatal if fed to horses. Customers who have purchased 10% Grain Mix with the specified lot numbers should not continue to store or use this product and are asked to return the feed to their dealer for replacement. If equine owners have fed these particular feeds to their horses, they should refrain from exercising their horses and immediately seek the services of a veterinarian.

At this time, the limited recall only involves products with these specific lot numbers and does not include any other TFC feed products or lots of 10% Grain Mix.

Questions or concerns may be directed to TFC's Feed Department in LaVergne at 1-800-366-2667, extension 8401 for Jim Sherman, Feed and Animal Health Division operations officer, or extension 8497 for John Niver, TFC nutritionist.

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