



Tuesday!

Part 3: FARM Program Version 4.0 – Setting Up Chores

Last week we recommended completing the first three steps of the five step process laid out by FARM 4.0 This would include meeting with your veterinarian and farm staff and signing various forms to ensure healthy animals and a healthy product. During the meeting, protocols should have been estab-

lished to address cases when cows may be sick or any vaccination protocols to prevent any illness.

Review each written protocol and pull out the chores that will be used to ensure the protocol is followed. You will want to make sure you have discussed any withholding times for both meat and milk with your veterinarian as this will be necessary when recording the Chores in PCDART.

To record the information in PCDART, follow these steps (Note some maintenance chores may have already been prelisted).

1. Select **File** then **Protocols**
2. Click the **Chores** tab.
3. Click **Create New Chore**.
4. Enter a **Chore Name** using eight characters or less.

Names should be as short as possible and easily recognized by workers. If there are multiple dosages for a drug chore, eg Dextrose 500 ml and Dextrose 1000 ml, consider using names like Dext500 and Dext1000.

5. Enter **Chore Description** of up to 20 characters.

This is where you can include any additional instructions or background information such as 20 ml.

6. Select a **Chore Type**:
 - Undefined: doesn't fit any of the categories
 - Maintenance: regular activity such as group movement or trim hooves
 - Vaccination: immunizations
 - Medication: administering medication
 - Diagnostic: investigative or problem solving

The screenshots illustrate the steps for creating a new chore in PCDART. The first screenshot shows the 'File' menu with 'Protocols' selected. The second screenshot shows the 'Manage Chores' window with a list of available chores. The third screenshot shows the 'Create New Chore' dialog box with fields for 'Chore Name', 'Chore Description', 'Chore Type', and withholding periods for milk and meat.

Name	Description	Type	Milk	Meat	Status
2nd-Tag	Second Ear Tag	Maintenance			Used
A180	Steers only	Medication	99	4	Used
Antitox	Clostridia Antitoxin	Medication		21	Used
Arrest	Arrest				
Aspirin	Aspirin				
Banamine	Banamine				
Betadine	betadine				
BioFresh	BioFresh Drech				
Block	Block Removal				
BlockOff	Block off foot				
BlockOn	Block on foot				
BlueGoop	Chlorhex oint+CuS				
Bluekote	Bluekote				
BlueLite	BlueLite Scour tx.				
BSG-FP5	BovShieldGoldFP5				
BSGFPHB	BovGoldFP5LSHB				
CalcTube	Calcium Tube				
CalGluc	Calcium Gluconate				
CalPhos2	CalPhos2				
Captan	Captan vasoline p				
Camilax	Camilax				
Castrate	Castration				
Catron	Catron Spray				
CefalKAM	CefalLak AM				

7. If the chore requires a milk or meat withholding period, follow the drug manufacturer's recommendations and enter **Number of days to withhold milk or meat**. Otherwise enter 0.
8. Click **Save New Chore**.