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Key Process: Minimize rodent activity

Objective: To observe and perform basic rodent control in and around the facility by denying entrance to facilities and buildings, removing food sources that can attract and maintain rodent populations, preventing rodent harborage, and actively baiting to reduce rodent populations.

Safety Precautions:

- Wear gloves when bait is handled.
- Do not get in eyes, on skin or on clothing.

Flow of Steps:

1. Observe grounds for any burrowing or small rodent traffic.
2. Close and seal any holes, cracks or openings in the barns.
3. Remove any debris in and around the facility that could provide housing for rodents.
4. Eliminate food sources for rodents. Make sure all bags of feed are stored on pallets. Clean up feed spills promptly so as not to attract rodents and wildlife.
5. Maintain a minimum 3 foot “sterile zone” around exterior of buildings, meaning weed-free area. Tools that can be used to help create a “sterile zone” are gravel, using pre-emergent spray in spring, etc.
6. Place bait boxes around facility approximately 30-50 feet apart (use closer spacing in areas where large mouse populations are present). Secure down external stations for long-term use. Bait stays fresher in bait stations if protected from dust, moisture and other contaminants.

7. Place bait stations near potential entry points.
8. Bait boxes (or similar) placed inside barns should be away from animal access.
9. Check bait boxes a minimum of monthly--clean out existing bait, dirt, trash, droppings, etc. Replace and supply new bait to all boxes. Always use protective gloves when performing this task. Dispose of bait in the regular trash.

In the event of severe rodent infestations, check bait boxes and replace bait every two weeks. If rodents are seen repeatedly during the day, it indicates an established infestation.

10. Record bait station services and observations on the Rodent Inspection Record. If needed, add additional bait boxes to areas with heavy activity and note on the report.

11. Maintain the year round rotation as follows:

October and November: Rodenticide _____

December through March: Rodenticide _____

April through September: Rodenticide _____