Using the Blending Program for Feed

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Although designed to handle fertilizer/chemical blends, the Agvance Blending module may also be used for feed blends. When setting up a Product Set, choose *Feed* as the *Type*. Two common uses for feed blends are:

Common Blend Use

There is a common blend for either a particular livestock or a particular farmer. This process shows one product, the blended feed product name, on the invoice.

The blend usually consists of the same products and same ratio. In this case the user would typically set up the blend as a product and call it something like *Joe Farmer's Feeder Hog Mix*. Set up the manufactured formula for the product, specifying the products and ratios required to make one unit of the blend.

Note: Mark the option in front of Blend Ticket under *Split Out When Printing* and check the box to *Affect Inventory at Billing*. Also, a field to be used in Blending must be set up for the farmer.

When the customer requests a certain quantity of the finished product, proceed to the blending area. In the case of feed, the "field" could be a barn, a livestock facility, or a bin where the feed is stored. After the customer and field are selected, input how many tons are required on the *Products* tab, select the blend and input the rate/ton, which should be 2000. Complete the rest of the Blend Ticket and print. The ticket displays the products broken out and the appropriate scale stops as well as other 'feed related' information not available on standard Blend Tickets.

Basic Product Use

In this example there are blends with the same basic product structure (same products being used most of the time) but the ratios or rate per ton change frequently. Using this option displays the raw materials on the invoice:

In this case, it is suggested a fake customer is created with a name like *1Feed*, for example. Create Fields under the customer like *1FeedMix*, *1FeedTmp*, *Hogs*, *Dairy*, etc. Next, create a Blend Ticket for each field. On the Blend Ticket, leave the tons at *one*. On the *Products* tab, select the products that might be used in the blend and leave the rates at zero. Save the ticket.

When a customer requests a blend, add a new ticket for the appropriate customer and field, then use the *Import Blend* function to start with the desired template. Once the template blend is displayed, enter the tons ordered on the *General* tab, and on the *Products* tab, enter the rate/ton of the products needed (put a zero if the product is not going to be used in this blend). Save and print to display the appropriate scale stops. Remember, a product can be added on the *Products* tab if it is not part of the original template.

Hint: On the *Blending / Setup / Location Preferences / Print Prefs* tab, check select the *Do Not Print Zero Rate/Acre Line Items* option and then only the items used will print.

Feed Blend Tickets display *Farm Site* instead of *Field ID*, *Building* rather than *Description*, *Bin #* instead of *Crop*, and *Type* (for type of livestock) instead of *Placement*.