

# YOUTH PRODUCER GUIDE TO *THE* VETERINARY FEED DIRECTIVE

## VETERINARY FEED DIRECTIVE REGULATION UPDATE

Just as you prepare your animals for the show ring this year, you will need to plan with your parents and project advisors for how the Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) will affect your future exhibitions. Starting **JANUARY 1, 2017** how you use and access certain feed- and water-based antibiotics will change, so it is a good idea to start planning now.

*what?* **MEDICALLY IMPORTANT ANTIBIOTICS** will no longer be available to use for *growth promotion* purposes on any farm of any size. This includes youth projects to show livestock, poultry and dairy. Medically important antibiotics are animal health products that are also important to human health. Use of these products for the *prevention, treatment or control* of a specific disease will require direct veterinary supervision.

*why?* The FDA states the updated VFD rules are critical to protect public health, limit the development of antimicrobial resistance and promote cautious use of these animal health products only when appropriate.

*plan ahead.* The biggest change is all about feed. Unless you have a VFD from your veterinarian, you will not be able to buy or use medicated feed or premixes. Over-the-counter sales will end. Plan ahead, work with your veterinarian and feed source.

## MEDICALLY IMPORTANT ANTIBIOTICS

Animal health products important to human health:

<b>PENICILLINS</b>	<b>MACROLIDES</b>
<b>GLYCOPEPTIDES</b>	<b>QUINOLONES</b>
<b>CEPHALOSPORINS</b>	<b>SULFAS</b>
<b>TETRACYCLINES</b>	<b>FLUOROQUINOLONES</b>

Examples include:

<b>CHLOROTETRACYCLINE (CTC)</b>	
<b>AUREOMYCIN</b>	<b>SULFAMETHAZINE</b>
<b>TYLOSIN</b>	

## NO LONGER ALLOWED

**PRODUCTION USES** = Enhance growth or improve feed efficiency

## ALLOWED UNDER DIRECT VETERINARY SUPERVISION

**THERAPEUTIC USES** = Treat animals diagnosed with an illness, control the spread of illness in a herd or flock, prevent illness in healthy animals when exposure is likely

## CHECKLIST FOR YOUTH PRODUCERS

DO YOU HAVE A VALID VETERINARY-CLIENT-PATIENT-RELATIONSHIP (VCPR) WITH YOUR HERD VETERINARIAN?

YES

NO

HAVE YOU MET WITH YOUR VETERINARIAN TO REVIEW ALL ANIMAL HEALTH MANAGEMENT PROTOCOLS, VACCINATION PROTOCOLS AND MEDICATION CURRENTLY BEING USED?

YES

NO

DO YOU KNOW WHICH MEDICATIONS USED IN YOUR SYSTEM WILL REQUIRE A VFD ORDER OR WILL REMAIN OVER THE COUNTER (OTC)?

YES

NO

HAVE YOU IDENTIFIED A LOCATION TO STORE COPIES OF ALL VFD'S THAT ARE WRITTEN FOR YOUR ANIMALS?

YES

NO

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