Upcoming webinar, January 11th new federal regulations set to impact 4-H Livestock Producers

Hello 4-H Livestock Leaders and Members,

Please plan to join us on Wednesday, January 11th at 10:00 am for an important and informative webinar explaining the new federal regulations that now limits the use of medically-important antibiotics for use in or on livestock feed. This webinar will be presented by Dr. Martin Smith and Alyssa Sankey along with Dr. Dennis Wilson who is a veterinarian with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA).

**What are these new regulations?**

As of January 1, 2017, all medically-important antibiotics for use in or on feed and in water now require a veterinary feed directive (VFD) or a prescription. Additionally, these medically-important antibiotics for use in or on feed and water are now prohibited for use for growth promotion purposes (e.g., to increase rate of gain). Livestock producers (including 4-H’ers) will only be able to administer medicated-feed and medicated-water for therapeutic purposes (i.e., treatment, control, and prevention), under the oversight of a veterinarian. This means that producers will now need to establish a veterinarian-client-patient relationship with their veterinarian to obtain a prescription or VFD (functionally similar to a prescription).

**Why is it essential that we or a designee attend this webinar?**

With the implementation of these new regulations, many of our 4-H members are now being impacted. It is very common for 4-H members to feed medicated starter feeds, so it is critical that our 4-H staff and 4-H families have access to information and resources to better understand these new regulations. We are asking each county to have at least one staff person or a designated key volunteer attend this webinar. This person will serve as the point person for your county and will be able to direct 4-H families and other staff members to resources to help answer their questions. **Due to the date of your fair, it is strongly recommended and highly encouraged that at least one staff member or key volunteer attend the first webinar on January 11, 2017 at 10:00 am.**

**What information will be provided on this webinar?**

The webinar will provide background information on why these regulations were implemented, a basic overview of these new regulations and their implications, a list of which drugs are affected, and information and resources to help 4-H families prepare for these new regulations. Additionally, Dr. Wilson from the CDFA will be present on the webinar to answer any questions that your county may have in regards to these new regulations.

**How do we join the webinar?**

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