

Topic of the Month

Veterinary Feed Directive

Many farmers are fretting about the impending regulations concerning antibiotics in the feed that will be effective on January 1, 2017. Here are a few things to consider.

These regulations require veterinary feed directive (VFD) for any “medically important” antibiotics that will be incorporated into livestock feed. An example of this would be Aureomycin for treatment or prevention of pneumonia in calves. A VFD order is available only from a veterinarian and is good for 6 months from the date it is written. Non-medically important antibiotics like monensin (Rumensin) are not covered by these requirements. These can be purchased as usual.

Medically important antibiotics made to be incorporated in animal’s drinking water, like tetracycline, will be made prescription and no longer over the counter.

These regulations will only affect farms that feed antibiotics to livestock. It will not affect over the counter injectable antibiotics like Penicillin or oxytetracycline. But if the need arises for you to utilize antibiotics in the feed, we can see that your animals are treated appropriately

Commodity Futures	
Corn(July) as of June 30	\$3.59
Soybeans(July) as of June 30	\$11.75
Soybean meal(July) as of June 30	\$405.30
Cheese (July) as of June 30	\$1.64
Class III(July as of June 30	\$15.25
Class III(Aug) as of June 30	\$16.37
Class III(Sept) as of June 30	\$16.39

Practice News

County Fairs

Believe it or not, fair season is about upon us. Remember to call and make an appointment for your vaccinations and health papers. When possible, we will try to schedule clients in an area together.

In The News

From bovintvetonline.com

Striving to provide the most up-to-date information on upcoming changes in regulations related to the Veterinary Feed Directive, the Beef Cattle Institute (BCI) at Kansas State University is offering a new online resource – for free.

The BCI partnered with animal health experts Mike Apley of the Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine and Brian Lubbers of the Kansas State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, to create an online informational module that answers frequently asked questions regarding the Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) issued by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Changes to the regulations as a result of the directive are scheduled to take place Jan. 1, 2017.

The website can be accessed at:

<http://www.beefcattleinstitute.org/>

Upcoming Events

Holstein Show

4-H show- Thursday, July 8

Open show- Friday, July 8. Both held at Meyersdale fairgrounds

Ag Progress Days.

August 16- 18

Somerset County Fair.

August 20-27