



## HUMAN HEALTH AND INDUSTRIAL FARMING

Below is your May 2012 newsletter from the [Pew Campaign on Human Health and Industrial Farming](#). In this edition:

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- FDA Takes Steps to Curb Antibiotic Overuse in Food Animal Production-But More is Needed!

### Supermoms Against Superbugs Take Washington By Storm

“Supermoms” from Maine to Hawaii came to Washington, D.C., this week to press the Obama Administration and Congress to do more to rein in the overuse of antibiotics on America’s industrial farms, a practice that breeds antibiotic-resistant bacteria. The visit was organized by the Pew Campaign on Human Health and Industrial Farming and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

The 30 Supermoms (and dads, grandparents, and others concerned about their families’ health) all have personal connections to the issue—they are pediatricians, farmers, chefs, and stay-at-home parents—and are focused on raising awareness about the overuse and misuse of antibiotics in food animal production and its impact on human health.

The Supermoms called on the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to [strengthen its recently released draft guidelines designed to reduce antibiotic](#)

### **\*\*Important Take Action\*\***

[Urge FDA to Strengthen Measures to End Overuse of Antibiotics on Industrial Farms](#)

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*Take Action:* Ask your members of Congress to [co-sponsor the Preservation of Antibiotics](#)

[overuse in food animal production](#) and urged Congress to pass the Preservation of Antibiotics for Medical Treatment Act (H.R. 965, S. 1211).

[Click here](#) to read more about the Supermoms and the [press release](#) about the day, see video interviews, and learn how you can make your voice heard to help end the overuse and misuse of antibiotics in food animal production.

Watch a special thank-you message from the campaign!”



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## FDA Takes Steps to Curb Antibiotic Overuse in Food Animal Production--but More is Needed!

As noted in our last newsletter, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently released new guidelines intended to curb the overuse and misuse of antibiotics in food animal production. While the release of these documents is a welcome step, **we need your help** because several improvements are needed to address serious gaps in these measures. [If you have not done so already, please take a moment and urge the FDA to improve these documents and safeguard these critical drugs from overuse and misuse on industrial farms.](#) Please also post this action alert on your Facebook page and tweet about it to your

[for Medical Treatment Act.](#)

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[The Pew Campaign on Human Health and Industrial Farming](#) is working to protect antibiotics by phasing out the overuse of the drugs in food animal production. We work with public health and food industry leaders, veterinarians, agricultural interests, academics and citizens groups who share our objective of preserving the integrity of antibiotics as a means of protecting human and animal health.



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