





HUMAN HEALTH AND INDUSTRIAL FARMING

Welcome to the monthly newsletter of the Pew Campaign on Human Health and Industrial Farming!

Thank you for joining the listserv of the <u>Pew Campaign on Human Health and Industrial Farming</u>, which is working to preserve the effectiveness of antibiotics by phasing out the overuse of these drugs in food animal production.

Every month, you will receive our newsletter to stay up-to-date on the latest news and to <u>take action</u> to end the overuse and misuse of antibiotics in food animal production. As always, you can visit our web site <u>SaveAntibiotics.org</u> to learn more about the issue or to get involved.

Ask FDA to Take Action to Protect Human Health

Today, we need your help in urging the U.S. Food

Help Us Reach Our Summer Goal: 20k Members of Moms for Antibiotic Awareness!



Over 10,000 individuals have joined Moms for Antibiotic Awareness.

Will you help us get to 20,000?

Register Now

and Drug Administration (FDA) to finally take a stand to protect antibiotics.

Why? Because the FDA oversees these drugs, which are overused in food animal production. The FDA has the authority to stop these harmful practices, but has yet to act decisively or swiftly.



FDA can issue what's called a guidance document and advise agricultural and pharmaceutical companies against the misuse of antibiotics on industrial farms. The

agency issued a first draft of this guidance— Guidance #209, The Judicious Use of Medically Important Antimicrobial Drugs in Food-Producing Animals—in June 2010. A revised version was supposed to come out earlier this year. However, the deadline to finalize their plan—June 2011—has come and gone. Tell FDA to protect the health of all Americans by keeping their commitments and taking action regarding antibiotic use on industrial farms.

Tell FDA: no more delays—issue Guidance #209

Join Moms for Antibiotic Awareness

Moms for Antibiotic Awareness is a group of mothers, fathers, grandparents and others concerned about their family's health. Specifically, we are dedicated to stopping a common industrial farming practice: feeding antibiotics to cows, pigs, chickens and other food animals that are not sick. Instead, the drugs are used to compensate for overcrowded and unsanitary conditions and to spur faster growth. Unfortunately, this practice is breeding antibiotic-resistant bacteria that can infect people.

Already registered? Ask five friends to sign up!

More...

Take Action: Ask your members of Congress to <u>co-</u> <u>sponsor the Preservation of</u> <u>Antibiotics for Medical</u> Treatment Act

Take Action: Email us to share why you are concerned about the misuse of antibiotics in food animal production.

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Participants in Moms for Antibiotic Awareness will encourage passage of legislation and regulation that would end the routine, non-therapeutic use of antibiotics in food animal production. In addition, our moms will ask restaurants, supermarkets and other food providers to increase the amount of meat and poultry raised without these life-saving drugs.

Become part of Moms for Antibiotic Awareness!

News & Information

Resource: Slideshow: How American Moms in an Internet Study View Antibiotic Use in Food Animal Production

Statement: Pew Applauds Introduction of Bipartisan Bill in Senate to Preserve Effectiveness of Antibiotics - The Pew Charitable Trusts - June 16, 2011

Article: The High Cost of Cheap Meat - The New York

Times - June 2, 2011

Article: Antibiotic Resistance: One Mother's Fight - The

Huffington Post - May 8, 2011

Video: Antibiotic Use in Food Animal Production - CBS

Evening News - July 16, 2010

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The Pew Campaign on Human Health and Industrial Farming is working to save antibiotics by phasing out the overuse of the drugs in food animal production. We work with public health 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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