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Live webcast offered for Denver workshop on stewardship of antimicrobial drugs

OAK BROOK, IL Sept. 23, 2015: A live webcast will be available of Farm Foundation, NFP's Denver workshop on stewardship of antimicrobial drug use in food-producing animals. The workshop, which is Monday, Sept. 28, will be at the National Western Club on the grounds of the National Western Stock Show, 4655 Humboldt St., Denver.

BARN Media will provide the free webcast from 8:30 to approximately 11:30 a.m. It can be accessed [at this URL](#).

"We are excited that BARN Media will provide the live webcast of the morning session," says Farm Foundation President Neil Conklin. "Nothing beats being in the room to interact with speakers and other participants. But for some people, that is simply not feasible.

"The webcast of the morning sessions offers the option to hear presentations from the FDA and USDA staff, as well as a regional producer, vet and feed supplier," Conklin adds. The morning sessions also will include presentations by Steve Irsik of Irsik Farms, Ingalls, KS; Del Miles, DVM, of Veterinary Research and Consulting Services, Greeley, CO; and Nathan Hubbard of Agfinity, Inc., Eaton, CO. The webcast audience can participate in the discussion by submitting questions via the webcast program.

The workshop, one of 12 Farm Foundation is hosting across the county, is an opportunity for participants to gain a comprehensive understanding of two Guidance for Industry (GFIs) issued by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regarding the use of medically-important antimicrobial drugs in food-producing animals, as well as the FDA's revised Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD). These actions mean some drugs will see label changes allowing only therapeutic uses, and use of some drugs will require veterinary oversight in the form of a veterinarian's prescription, direct administration by a veterinarian, or a veterinary consultation on disease management protocols.

Monday's workshop is targeted to all pork, cattle, poultry and sheep producers, as well as veterinarians and feed suppliers in Colorado, Wyoming, western Kansas, western Nebraska and Utah. The workshop is also an opportunity for the staff of state and federal agencies, colleges of veterinary medicine and the

Cooperative Extension Service to gain insights into the policy changes, and tools needed to meet the requirements.

There is no charge to participate. To attend in person, advance registration is requested but not required. Registration can be [completed online](#) or by going to the [Farm Foundation website](#). The National Western Stock Show, BARN Media and the Western Dairy Association are cooperating partners with Farm Foundation for the Denver workshop.

Farm Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that has been serving agriculture, the food system and rural communities since 1933. Farm Foundation is a non-advocacy organization—it does not lobby or advocate positions. The Foundation’s action comes in bringing industry leaders together to address evolving issues that will shape the future of the industry. Stewardship of medically-important antimicrobial drugs in food-producing animals is just such an issue.

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