WHAT WILL WE DO WHEN OTC ANTIBIOTICS GO TO RX: CALIFORNIA’S EXPERIENCE

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Antibiotic Resistance

A global threat to public health and animal health

Consequences:

• Simple infections more difficult to treat
• Longer treatment times
• Increased costs
• Death
The best time to talk to your vet is before your livestock are sick.

In June 2023, all medically important antimicrobials will require a prescription from a veterinarian.
Make a plan with your vet

Ensure you have the right antibiotic for your animals when they need them.
Timeline

June 2021
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Jan 2022

Jan 2023
OTC → Rx

June 2023

Find a Vet
VCPR

- Routine visits
- Treatment protocols
  - Common conditions
  - All drugs used
    - Dose, route, frequency, duration
    - Meat and milk withdrawals
  - When to call the vet
- Treatment records
- Review
Herd Health Basics

• Recognition and treatment of disease
• Confirming disease and determining the cause
• Husbandry and management practices to prevent disease
• Annual management schedule
Windows of Opportunity

• A time when the herd is gathered
• Review annually
  • Reproductive performance
    • Conception rates
    • Fetal losses
    • Lamb/kid crop survival
  • Production
    • Weaning weight
    • Fleece weight
• Treatment records
Telemedicine

- Phone calls
- Video chats
- Email exchange

VCPR → diagnose, prescribe medications or treat animals
Thanks!

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