



## **Changes to antimicrobial access effective December 1, 2018.**

**Antimicrobials, such as antibiotics, are crucial for disease control in humans and domestic animals, and are widely used in agriculture to prevent and control infections in livestock.**

**Antimicrobial use in humans and animals can lead to the development and spread of resistant bacteria. If these occur in livestock, they can be transferred to humans through the food we eat and through direct contact with infected animals and their environments.**

**When antimicrobial resistance (AMR) develops, the antibiotics normally used become ineffective or less effective at treating bacterial diseases in humans and animals.**

**We all have an important role to play in the prevention of further development of AMR.**

## **What does this mean?**

**Health Canada has introduced regulatory changes that more strictly control access to antibiotics. This means that Health Canada will require stricter criteria and better oversight when antibiotic use is needed to treat livestock and other domestic animals.**

**Veterinarians with the New Brunswick Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries are working to prepare for the upcoming changes.**

## **What does this mean for producers?**

**As of December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, antibiotics will only be available from a veterinary clinic through a prescription from a veterinarian.**

**They will no longer be sold at your local agricultural supply store so you will need to work with a veterinarian in order to access these products.**



**These are examples of some of the products for which access will be affected by the change in regulations from Health Canada.**

For further information on how to contact a Departmental veterinarian, follow this link:

[http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/10/agriculture/content/livestock/veterinary\\_services.html](http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/10/agriculture/content/livestock/veterinary_services.html)

For further information on Health Canada's new regulations, follow the links:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/publications/drugs-health-products/tackling-antimicrobial-resistance-use-pan-canadian-framework-action.html>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/antibiotic-antimicrobial-resistance/animals.html>

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