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**News Release**
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**Meeting on New FDA Antibiotic Guidelines for Livestock Producers**

Iowa livestock producers, feed distributor and veterinarians have the opportunity to learn about the new FDA mandated antibiotic guidelines at three meetings hosted by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach (ISUEO).

“The new FDA antibiotic rules begin January 1, 2017 and impacts all livestock species” noted Mark Storlie, ISUEO Swine Specialist. “Before that time, we are informing producers, veterinarians and allied industry about the new procedures and how it will affect their operations.”

The meetings will focus on antibiotic access via veterinarian relationships; veterinary feed directives (VFD’s) and required recordkeeping. Dr. Chris Rademacher, ISU Extension Swine Veterinarian and Dr. Grant Dewell, ISU Extension Beef Veterinarian will present and respond to your questions.

Discussion topics will include background of the FDA guidelines, why antibiotics are being reclassified, what drugs will require a veterinarian prescription or VFDs, and importance of a vet/client/patient/relationship.

There is no fee to attend, but preregistration is encouraged to assist organizers with planning. Please register by calling the number associated with the session you would like to attend.

Monday, Nov. 21, 6 to 8 p.m. – Opera House, 105 East Main Street, Fayette. RSVP to the Fayette County Extension, 563-425-3331

Tuesday, Nov. 22, Noon to 2 p.m. – Featherlite Center, Howard Co. Fairgrounds, Cresco. RSVP to the Howard County Extension, 563-547-3001

Tuesday, Nov. 22, 4 to 6 p.m. – Butler Co, Ext. Office, 320 N. Main Street, Allison. RSVP to the Butler County Extension, 319-267-2707

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**News Release**
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Pro-Ag Outlook and Management Meeting
The Pro-Ag Outlook and Management Seminars are designed to provide agribusiness leaders with a concise evaluation of current market conditions, expected trends in crop and livestock income potential and management implications. Participants will also receive an overview of the agricultural industry and learn how changes may affect Iowa producers.

An outlook for 2017 in grain and livestock agriculture for producers and ag-business professionals will be offered on December 9 at Pinter's Greenhouse near Decorah. The grain market situation and livestock profit potential will be presented along with the latest research from the Iowa Land Value Survey and Iowa Land Value Portal. This meeting will provide resource information to producers and professionals to facilitate 2017 decision-making, including the cash rent outlook.

Pinter's Greenhouse is located at 2475 Hwy 9 (just west of Hwy 52 & Hwy 9 in Decorah) beginning at 9:30 a.m. Call the ISU Extension office in Winneshiek County at 563-382-2949 to pre-register. Cost is $20 if pre-registered and $25 for walk-ins. You can find a list of speakers and topics www.extension.iastate.edu/winneshiek For more information or for additional locations, visit: www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm/info/meetings.html

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News Release
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Driftless Region Beef Conference to be Held Jan. 26-27

DUBUQUE, Iowa – With nearly 2.5 million cattle in four Midwest states, university extension services in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin are teaming together to offer the Driftless Region Beef Conference. The fifth annual event will be held Jan. 26-27, 2017, at the Grand River Convention Center in Dubuque, Iowa.

The driftless region in these states contains rolling hills, streams and karst soil topography. Since soil and water conservation is best accomplished when much of this land is seeded for forage and livestock consumes those forages, the conference will focus on efficient and economic forage and beef production.

The conference will begin at 1 p.m. Jan. 26 with a program concentrating on production and marketing risk management. An evening discussion on intensively managing cows will feature a producer and veterinarian panel. The Friday morning agenda features Michelle Miller, the ‘Farm Babe’, six breakout sessions for feedlot operations and cow-calf producers followed by a market outlook.

Key speakers include: Miller; Carl Babler and Karen Voights from Atten Babler in Galena, Illinois; Doug Bear, Iowa Beef Industry Council; Tyler Dohman, Lee Schulz and Patrick Gunn, Iowa State University; Gene Schriefe, University of Wisconsin; Nicole Rambo and Alfredo DiCostanzo, University of Minnesota; Jay Soloman, Cliff Shipley and Travis Meteer, University of Illinois; and Mary Drewnowski, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The early registration fee is $85 per person and must be received prior to midnight, Jan. 13. The price increases to $115 after that date. More information on topics, speakers and lodging is available at www.aep.iastate.edu/beef. Online and mail registration forms are available on the conference website.

The Driftless Region Beef Conference is sponsored by ISU Extension and Outreach, University of Illinois Extension, University of Minnesota Extension, and University of Wisconsin Extension. For more information or to receive a brochure, contact Denise Schwab, beef specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach, at 319-472-4739.

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News Release
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Registration Open for Midwest Dairy Day
In-depth information on the use and design of Automatic Calf Feeders at annual workshop

Register today for the Midwest Dairy Day “Automatic Calf Feeders: Feeding the Next Generation” scheduled for December 2 from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Iowa’s Dairy Center located at 1527 Highway 150 S, Calmar.

This event is a collaborative effort between Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, the Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation, and Northeast Iowa Community College. Dairy producers, students and industry members are encouraged to attend.

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Dairy Field Specialist, Jenn Bentley, will provide the latest research in managing calves utilizing group-housing systems. This will be followed by Courtney Halbach, Associate Outreach Specialist with the University of Wisconsin Dairyland Initiative, discussing the practical considerations in building design and management for group-housed calves using automatic calf feeders.

Following lunch, Courtney will introduce ventilation measurement and troubleshooting tools with a demonstration in the Dairy Center’s calf barn. The day will conclude with a tour of an automatic calf feeding barn at the Kevin and Gayleen Moeller’s farm near Ridgeway. The Moeller’s farm is currently housing six groups of calves in a cross-ventilated facility; utilizing automatic calf feeders and feeding pasteurized milk.

This program will be free of charge, generously supported by local businesses. Please call NICC 800-728-2256 Ext. 399 to register by Wednesday, November 23. More information available at http://iowadairycenter.com/midwest_dairy_day.php.