



Important information about antibiotic use in all animals

The use and suspected overuse of antibiotics has been in the news for several years. In an effort to maintain antibiotic availability to control disease and still slow the rising incidence of bacterial resistance, veterinarians are being called to help manage the way antibiotics are being used in all animals and that includes honey bees.

If you have animals that currently use antibiotics in their food and water or plan to have them after January 1, 2017, EVC recommends you take the labels on those drugs to your veterinarian. This will allow time to begin the process of finding a way to meet the new government regulations in the Veterinary Food Directive (VFD).

The FDA has a website with many links available for further information. Go to <http://www.fda.gov>
click on "Animal & Veterinary"
scroll down to "Development and Approval Process"
on the left side of the page, click on "Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD)"

