

2016-2017 NIAA Resolutions

Antibiotic Council

Vision Statement

The NIAA Antibiotic Council seeks to enhance an animal agriculture industry that is aligned with judicious antibiotic use policies and practices.

Mission is to facilitate and encourage:

- the judicious use of antibiotics in food animal production to ensure public health, food safety, animal health and welfare;
- applying sound science including the development of metrics to measure the relationship between antibiotic use and resistance as the basis for decision-making and policy development regarding antibiotics in food animal production;
- education and communication on the role, benefits, risks and most current information on antibiotic uses in food animal production;
- leadership and partnership with food chain stakeholders (from farms to consumers to allied industry, etc.) to promote judicious antibiotic use policies and practices;
- measurement of the effects of interventions on outcomes.

AB1 Development of Antibiotic Symposium

BACKGROUND: Increasingly, consumers are intensely interested in how their food is grown and raised, including how antibiotics are used in farm animals. Often this conversation is polarized between animal health, public health, environmental health and consumers. Animal agriculture must continue to strive to:

- work together across species and health disciplines;
- identify common goals and shared solutions;
- reach out to all stakeholders with factual, science-based information;
- continually improve;
- build trust.

RESOLUTION: NIAA shall support planning of the 2016 antibiotic symposium to be held at a site and date to be determined that will engage participants from the human and veterinary medical and retail

communities in an interactive format to cover a variety of perspectives and continue the conversation about antibiotic therapy and resistance dynamics in human and animal health.

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