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Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) Meeting

Leesport, Pennsylvania, August 5, 2016

Beginning December 2016 new rules from the Food and Drug Association (FDA) will affect the way livestock producers can feed their animals and the relationship between the livestock producer and their veterinarian. The Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) rules will require veterinary approval for the use of a wide range of medicated feeds that have traditionally been available without veterinary oversight. These new rules are meant to ensure that these drugs are used judiciously and remain available for the treatment of disease. The Berks Agricultural Resource Network (B.A.R.N.), Berks County Department of Agriculture, and Penn State Extension will be holding a meeting for livestock producers, veterinarians, livestock nutritionists, and others wanting to learn more about the VFD and how these rules will affect their farm.

Dr. Elizabeth Santini, Veterinary Medical Field Officer with the PA Department of Agriculture will explain what livestock owners and veterinarians need to know when the VFD rules go into effect. The meeting will take place at the **Ontelaunee Grange Hall (284 White Oak Lane, Leesport, PA 19533) on Tuesday September 27, 2016 at 2:30PM; following the B.A.R.N. business meeting which begins at 1:00PM.** All are welcome to attend. No registration is required for this program. For more information, visit the B.A.R.N. website at www.berksag.net or contact Matt Haan at mmh29@psu.edu or 610-378-1327, if you have questions.

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