



Policy Update

May 12, 2023

Supreme Court upholds California Prop 12

This week the United States Supreme Court upheld the California Proposition 12 law. Proposition 12, which passed in 2018, required pork sold in California to come from pigs born to a sow housed in at least a 24-square-foot-pen. Below is American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall's response to the ruling.

"AFBF is disappointed in the closely divided Supreme Court ruling on California's Proposition 12. At the heart of this argument is whether one state can set the rules for the entire country. The arbitrary standards take away flexibility to ensure hogs are raised in a safe environment. Prop 12 will cause further consolidation in agriculture nationwide and lead to higher pork prices at the grocery store for America's families. This law will ultimately harm consumers, farmers and animals."

Antibiotic Marketing Changes Coming on June 11, 2023

Over the counter (OTC) medically important antibiotics for livestock will require a prescription from a veterinarian beginning on June 11, 2023. To purchase the OTC antibiotics, livestock producers will now be required to have a veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR).

Examples of some commonly used medically important antibiotics for livestock with label changes to veterinary prescription only status by June 2023:

- Oxytetracyclines
 - Injectables: Liquamycin LA-200, Noromycin 300 LA, Bio-Mycin 200, Agrimycin 200, etc.
 - Boluses: Terramycin Scours Tablets, OXY 500 Calf Boluses
- Penicillins (Penicillin G procaine, penicillin G benzathine)
 - Injectables: Penicillin Injectable, Dura-Pen, Pro-Pen-G, Combi-Pen 48, etc.
 - Intramammary tubes: Masti-Clear, Go-dry, Albadry Plus
- Sulfa-based antibiotics (sulfadimethoxine, sulfamethazine)
 - Injectables: Di-Methox 40%, SulfMed 40%
 - Boluses: Albon, Sustain III Cattle & Calf Boluses, Supra Sulfa III Cattle & Calf Boluses
- Tylosin
 - Injectables: Tylan 50, Tylan 200
- Cephalosporins, cephalosporin benzathine

- Intramammary tubes: ToDAY and ToMORROW

To prepare for the change, you can start to:

- a. Talk to a veterinarian.
- b. Build a Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR).
- c. Schedule routine visits.
- d. Set treatment protocols and on-farm training for employees.

For more information, please click [here](#) or talk to your local veterinarian.

Walworth County Passes Ordinance for Solar Farms

The Walworth County Commission recently passed an ordinance for a one-year moratorium on the construction of a solar farm in Walworth County. The moratorium is aimed at the Oahe Solar Farm – a 3,200-acre solar farm capable of producing approximately 355 MW. The solar project will need approval from the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission which it has yet to file a docket. Once filed, individuals affected by the project will have the opportunity to become intervenors.

For more information on the project, please click [here](#).

\$32.5 Million in Broadband Funding Announced

The Governor's Office of Economic Development announced the latest ConnectSD broadband grants. These awards will make quality, high-speed internet available to underserved households in South Dakota. Over \$32 million in grants were awarded for 13 projects from nine applicants. These projects will leverage private matching dollars for a total investment of over \$47 million in broadband infrastructure statewide, connecting 3,137 households, farms, and businesses. These awards will cover the vast prairie area of Stanley County, part of the southeast corner of the state, and provide more coverage in the Black Hills region.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the ConnectSD program.

SDFB Begins Policy Development Process

While SDFB's Annual Delegate Session is still months away, it is never too early to start thinking about making additions or changes to SDFB's state or federal policy. Our annual policy development process is one of the best ways that you, as a member, can have an impact on the issues Farm Bureau engages on at the capitol in Pierre or Washington, DC. If you have an idea for a policy resolution or if there's an issue/idea you'd like our policy team to dig into, please don't hesitate to reach out to any member of our Public Policy Team. Their contact information can be found [here](#).

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