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### Antibiotics & Agriculture

In October 2015, the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU) | Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC) Task Force on Antibiotic Resistance in Production Agriculture released a much-anticipated report that outlines a comprehensive national strategy for diminishing the role antibiotics used in food animal production systems play in the broader antimicrobial resistance (AMR) problem.

#### Read the Report

The Task Force, comprised of leaders from U.S. agriculture colleges/land grant universities and veterinary colleges as well as key representatives from the production animal agriculture community and the pharmaceutical industry, detailed a comprehensive research and educational agenda along with plans on how it intends to implement it.

The report's agenda is designed to explore and describe the nature and implications of the problem and educate producers, healthcare providers and the public about best practices. It also calls for a series of national summits to elevate the issue of antibiotic resistance to the top of the national agenda.

Formed last fall, the 14-member task force has been working closely with federal government agencies to develop an action plan that will leverage the collective strengths and expertise of North American universities to address what the Obama administration has termed a national security priority.

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#### Task Force Members

The task force's members include:

- Lonnie J. King, Dean, The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine (chair of the task force)
- Robert A. Easter, President, University of Illinois (co-chair of the task force)
- Richard A. Carnevale, Vice President, Regulatory, Scientific and International Affairs, Animal Health Institute
- Thomas Coon, Vice President, Dean and Director, Oklahoma State University Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (DASNR)
- Eleanor Green, Carl B. King Dean of Veterinary Medicine, Texas A&M University, College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences
- Ronnie Green, Vice President and IANR Harlan Vice Chancellor, University of Nebraska
- Walter Hill, Dean, College of Agriculture, Environment and Nutrition Sciences, Tuskegee University
- Christine Hoang, Assistant Director, Division of Scientific Activities, American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)
- Ashley Peterson, Vice President of Science and Technology, National Chicken Council
- Willie Reed, Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine, Purdue University
- Kathy Simmons, Chief Veterinarian, National Cattlemen's Beef Association
- Liz Wagstrom, Chief Veterinarian, National Pork Producers Council

Federal Liaisons are:

- Bernadette M. Dunham, Director, Center for Veterinary Medicine, Food and Drug Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- William Flynn, Deputy Director for Science Policy, Center for Veterinary Medicine, Food and Drug Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- Steven M. Kappes, Deputy Administrator, Agricultural Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Ex Officio members are:

- Alastair E. Cribb, Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Calgary
- Francisco José Trigo Tavera, Secretary of Institutional Development, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)

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- Andrew T. Maccabe, Executive Director, Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC)
- Ian Maw, Vice President, Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources at the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU)
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