

BFA CONTRIBUTES TO THE REDUCTION OF ANTIBIOTICS

A rational reduction in the use of antibiotics and a sustainable antibiotic policy in the animal feed production sector are important elements of BFA's objectives.

In 2012, BFA set up the AMCRA (AntiMicrobial Consumption and Resistance in Animals) knowledge centre together with other important stakeholders (agricultural organisations, pharmaceutical companies, veterinarians, government, scientists, etc.).

AMCRA developed a 2020 vision plan for the animal production chain with 3 objectives. www.amcra.be/fr/visie-2020
AMCRA vision 2024 goes even further than the AMCRA 2020 plan with 4 new targets and 9 action points. A 75% reduction in antibiotic-medicated feed by 2024 is one of those objectives. www.amcra.be/fr/visie-2024

The 4 goals of the BFA Action Plan Antibiotic Reduction:



Promote good practice and raise awareness among the actors in the feed chain

To this end, the sector regularly organises training and information sessions, e.g. on the fine dosing system (FDS), the Medicated Feed Convention, etc. Members with excessive use will be counselled individually.



Develop alternatives to antibiotics

BFA is working on the development of alternatives to antibiotics, including studies on the use and phasing out of zinc oxide (ZnO) as a veterinary premix.



Strengthen the framework and promote best practices

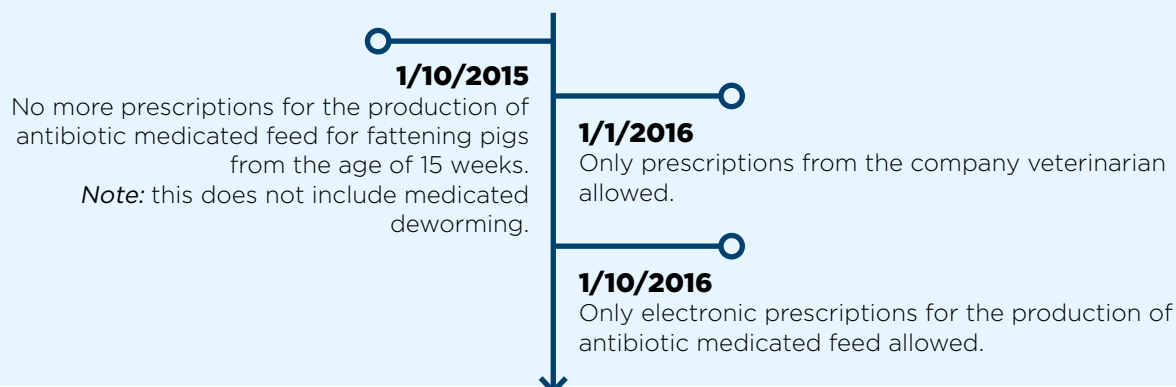
Brochures / leaflets try to provide a clear answer to questions such as: How do I measure carry-over? How do I determine the production sequence? Do I have alternatives?



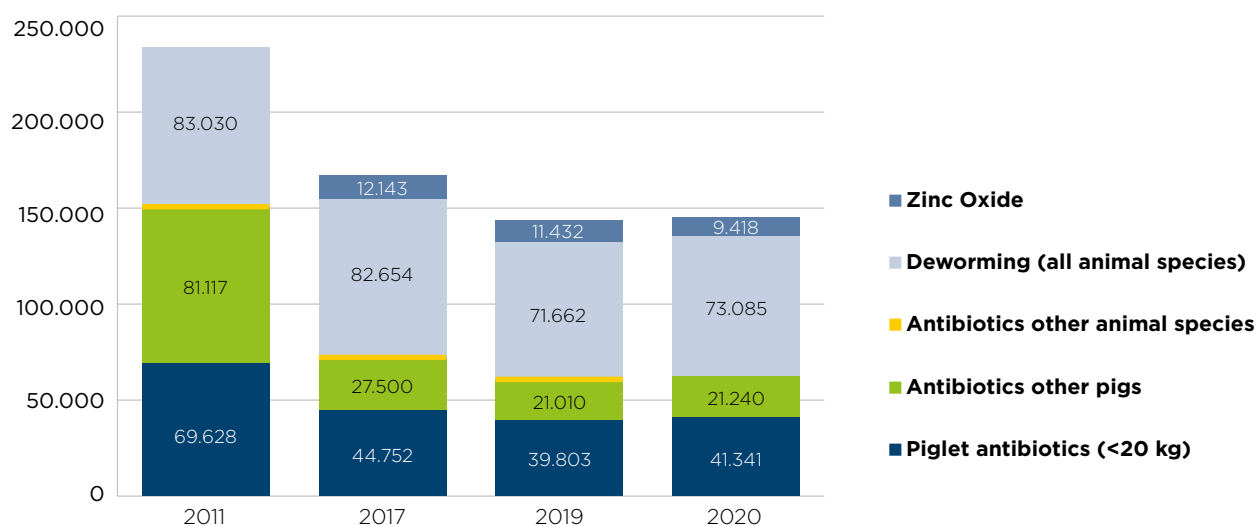
Registration of the use of medicated premixes

BFA conducts an annual survey among its members on the production of medicated feed and the use of medicated premixes and active substances.

Measures taken for medicated feed containing antibiotics



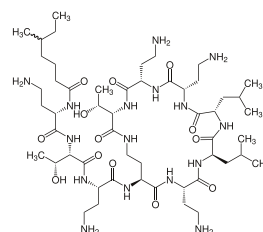
Production of medicated feed (tons)



REDUCTION PIGS	2017	2020
Kg active substance medicated feed	-65%	-69%
Tons antibiotic medicated feed	-52%	-59%

Percentage reduction, expressed in kg active substance of the antibiotic medicated feed (in analogy with Belgian and European official figures) and in tons of antibiotic medicated feed, compared to reference year 2011.

Colistin is a critically important antibiotic with the highest priority for public health



BFA Sustainability Charter target: 0% antibiotics in medicated feed

By 2030, we aim to have the production of animal feed medicated with antibiotics at 0%. To achieve this, we will reduce the number of antibiotics used in animal feed by 65% by 2022 and by 75% by 2024. In each case, this is in comparison to the reference year 2011.

How do we want to achieve this?

- Continue to use surveys and individual benchmarking
- Individual support in case of high consumption
- Participation in stakeholder meetings, working groups, ... on antibiotic reduction
- Cross-sectoral approach (involvement of other chains)

Do you want to know more about antibiotic reduction?
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