



Antibiotic Reduction

About the special

The subtherapeutic use of antibiotics as growth promoters (AGP) has been practiced for decades to improve performance and reduce the infectious pressure of certain diseases. Due to the existing problem of increasing resistance, which massively impairs the effectiveness of therapeutic antibiotics in humans and animals, many countries have banned the use of antibiotic performance enhancers. There is a worldwide trend to look for alternatives and several substances like phytogenics, essential oils, enzymes, organic acids, and pre- and probiotics are proposed for this purpose. The industry and consumers alike realize that healthy livestock production is increasingly linked to methods without the use of preventive antibiotics.

That is why this special delves into the challenges and opportunities of moving away from antibiotics, new ways of thinking, adapting feeding practices and strengthening gut health and immunity. We take a look at lessons learned and focus on all the measures that can be taken to reduce or even move away completely from antibiotics use on a pig, poultry or cattle farm.

Topics include

- Best practices to reduce antibiotics
- Biosecurity and management practices
- Nutritional strategies for healthy animals
- Boosting the natural immune system
- Improvement of gut health
- Food safety and consumer demands



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