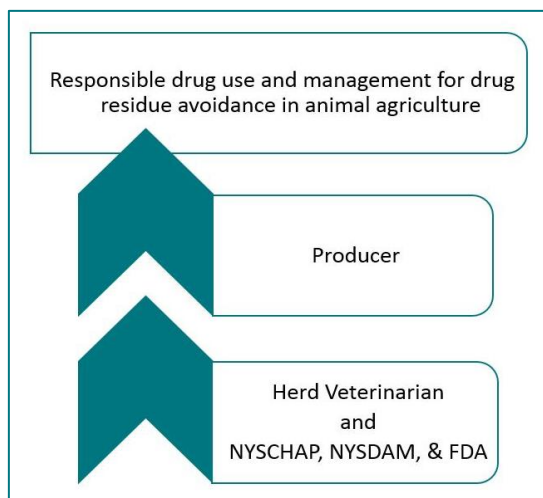


NEW YORK STATE FOOD SAFETY & DRUG RESIDUE AVOIDANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM



The NYS Food Safety & Drug Residue Avoidance Education Program helps farms evaluate their drug use and recordkeeping management.

This program is a **voluntary, educational, on-farm** "Best Practice" visit with a NYS field veterinarian and preferably the farm's herd veterinarian.

The visit includes

- 1) a review of drug regulations for food animals
- 2) a risk assessment of the current farm's practices
- 3) a list of priority areas for improvement and
- 4) practical strategies/safeguards to improve management and the farm's recordkeeping system.

Goal: Reducing the chances of drug residues in milk and meat entering into the food supply.

It is strongly recommended that the farm's herd veterinarian participate in this on-farm visit to help strengthen the Veterinary – Client – Patient Relationship (VCPR) and to encourage the herd veterinarian and farm to continue to work together on the farm's drug use, training, culling decisions and recordkeeping. The herd veterinarian not only allows farms legal access to prescription and Veterinary Feed Directive drugs, but also helps identify the correct drug choices for farm specific issues, helps create proper drug use protocols and withdrawal specifications as well as identify areas of opportunity to reduce drug use with preventative measures. **This program will compensate the herd veterinarian for their participation so there is no cost to the farm.** Participating herd veterinarians will receive a voucher for their time – maximum of \$275.00 for initial farm visit and maximum of \$125.00 for a follow-up farm visit.

****NYSCHAP enrollment is not required, however, farms enrolling in NYSCHAP can benefit in areas beyond drug use such as disease management, milk/meat quality, foot health, animal care, biosecurity and more.**

How to Contact us for a Best Practice Farm Visit

To sign up for a Best Practice visit, contact the NYSCHAP program coordinator, the NYS field veterinarian in your area, or your herd veterinarian. An on-farm visit will be scheduled at your convenience. For additional information:

- NYSCHAP Coordinator, Melanie Hemenway, DVM - (585) 313-7541 or email: melanie.hemenway@agriculture.ny.gov
- State field veterinarian, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, Division of Animal Industry at (518) 457-3502 or visit the website: <https://agriculture.ny.gov/AI/AIHome.html>
- NYSCHAP website at: www.nyschcap.vet.cornell.edu



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