

Advocacy

FACT is a leader among advocacy groups addressing humane and public health issues. For example, Rich Wood, FACT's Executive Director, served on FDA's Veterinary Medicine Advisory Committee and leads regular meetings between consumer groups and agency leaders. Steve Roach, FACT's Public Health Director, often presents before government scientific bodies, most recently the FDA Science Board on monitoring antimicrobial resistance coming from food animal products. Both Rich and Steve serve as consumer representatives on US delegations to Codex Alimentarius committees and also represent Consumers International as Codex makes decisions that impact farm management and food safety. Kathy Seus, FACT's Humane Farming Director, participates in National Organic Standard Board meetings and meets regularly with the USDA regarding humane production claims.

This advocacy also includes providing staffing and leadership to the [Keep Antibiotics Working Coalition](#) (KAW), a coalition of 13 health, consumer, agricultural, environmental, humane organizations. KAW has a combined membership of more than nine million people and is dedicated to ending the inappropriate use of antibiotics in food animals. Rich Wood chairs KAW's Steering Committee and Lisa Isenhardt is currently KAW's Coordinator.