

Advocacy

FACT is a leader among advocacy groups addressing farm animal welfare and public health issues. We work at both the national and international levels. 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. Steve also serves as a consumer representative on U.S. delegations to Codex Alimentarius committees and also represents Consumers International as Codex makes decisions that impact farm management and food safety.

As part of our advocacy efforts, FACT leads the Keep Antibiotics Working Coalition (KAW). KAW is a coalition of 13 health, consumer, agricultural, environmental, and humane organizations. KAW has a combined membership of more than twelve million people and advocates for policies that would end the inappropriate use of important antibiotics in food animals. FACT provides leadership and staffing for the coalition, and has done so since 2005. FACT's Richard Wood serves as KAW's Chair and Lisa Isenhardt provides part-time services as KAW's Coordinator. Steve Roach, FACT's Public Health Director, leads KAW's scientific response and analysis.

Most recently, FACT launched the *Filthy Feed* campaign to end the use of poultry litter as cattle feed through policy change. To date FACT has published a comprehensive scientific report on the practice, filed a petition with the FDA to prohibit litter feeding, designed a new website devoted to the issue (www.filthyfeed.org), created an on-line grassroots letter of support for our petition to the FDA, presented at two national conferences, organized student support at Loyola University, among other steps.