In this video, beef extension veterinarian A.J. Tarpoff outlines the key parts of the Food and Drug Administration’s new regulations on the use of antibiotics and growth promoting implants, and how they may affect the cattle industry.

Some medically-important products that previously were available without a prescription may now require a prescription, he said.

“So in order to continue using and purchasing those products, producers and livestock owners will need to have a valid veterinary client patient relationship…and actually have a prescription to continue purchasing those products,” Tarpoff said.

Beginning in July, Tarpoff said there will be a change in how growth implants are used.

“If the implant that you have been previously using is specifically labeled for re-implant during a production phase, you will be able to continue to do so,” Tarpoff said. “However going forward, only products specifically labeled for re-implant during a production phase can be used as such.”