

# Monitoring Veterinary Medicine Usage To Improve Animal Performance And Efficiency

## Can You Help Us Please?

Moredun Research Institute, in collaboration with Scotland's Rural College (SRUC), have received Scottish Government funding for a project investigating patterns of veterinary medicine use in UK beef cattle.

The two aims of this project are:

- To understand patterns of veterinary medicine use in beef cattle
- To work out how treatments are linked to animal performance

**We are keen to obtain veterinary medicine records from UK beef producers who rear or finish cattle and who maintain medicine records in an electronic format, e.g. on farm software.**

## What Data Would We Like?

**Essential:** all the treatments given to each animal (antibiotics, vaccines, wormers, etc), and the date and reason for treatment.

**Desirable:** Information such as the age, breed and sex of the animal.

*All data will be anonymous and treated confidentially.*

The outcomes of the project will be a broader understanding of how use of veterinary medicines varies in the UK and how medicine use is associated with animal performance. Ultimately, this will provide a picture of the most important diseases affecting UK beef producers, where and when they are most prevalent, and the extent to which they are affecting production.

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