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# Enhancing Awareness of Antimicrobial Use in Danish Pig Farmers through the Yellow Card Initiative

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# Danish Pig Production



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31.000.000 pigs per year, 5300 herds, 100 pig veterinarians

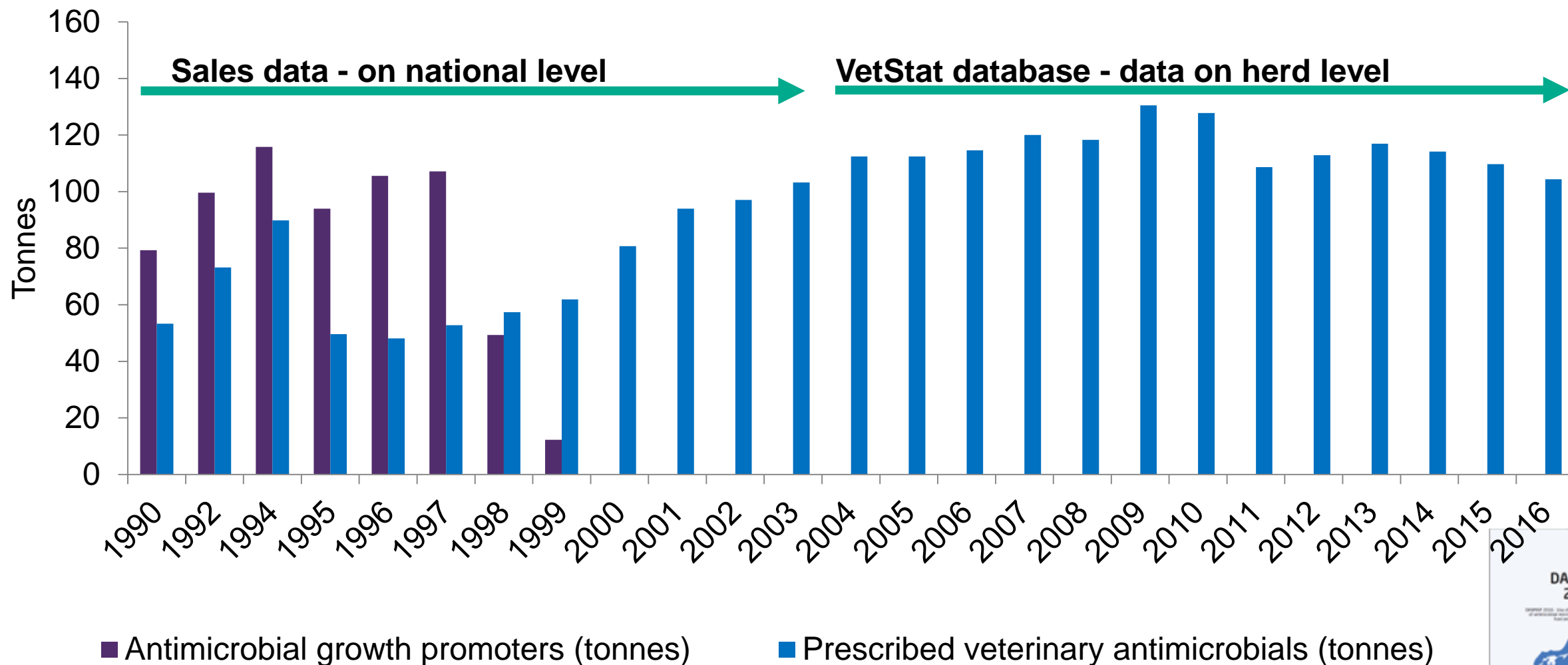
## Large specialized productions



# Surveillance of veterinary consumption



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**VETERINARIANS**



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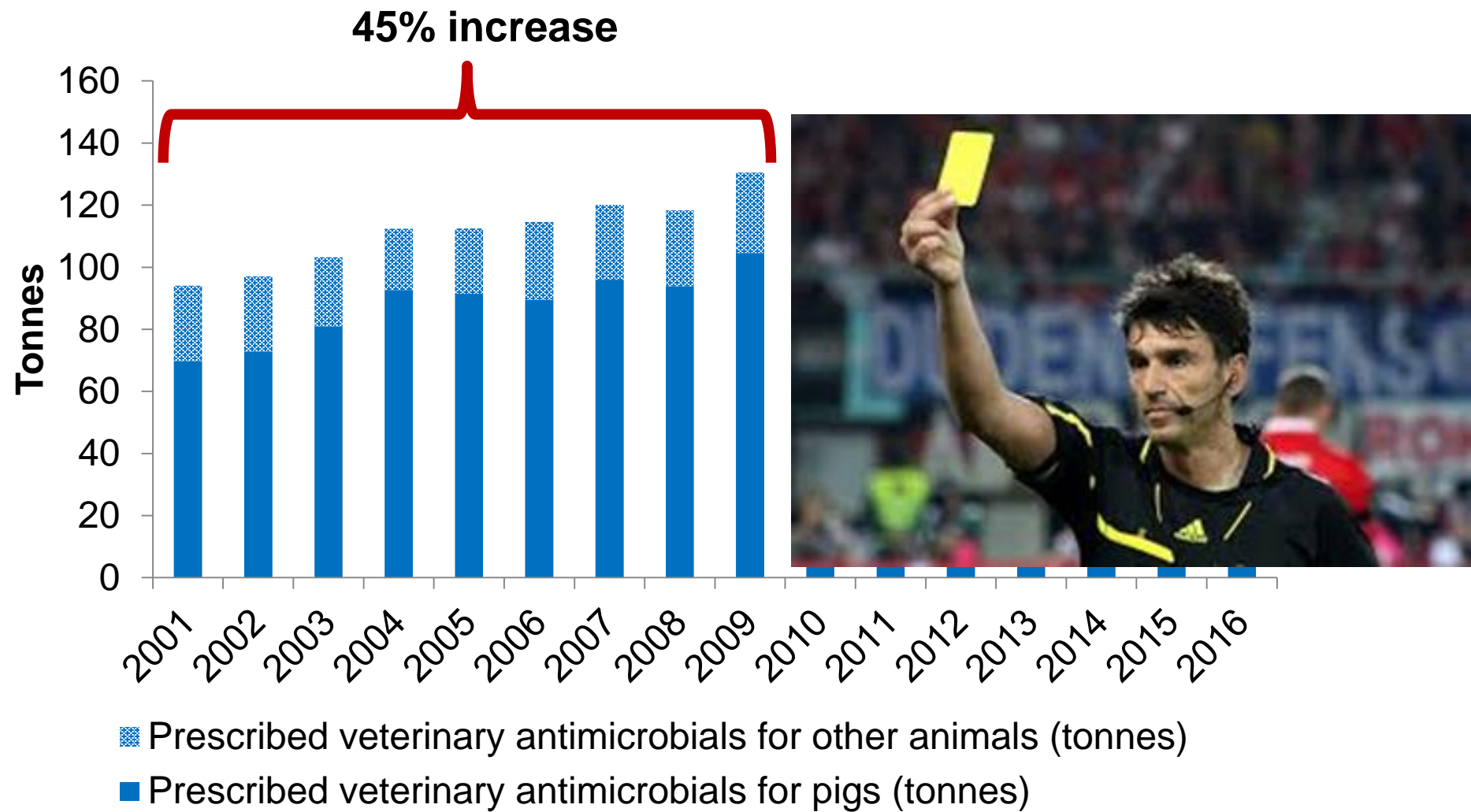


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**WORLD**

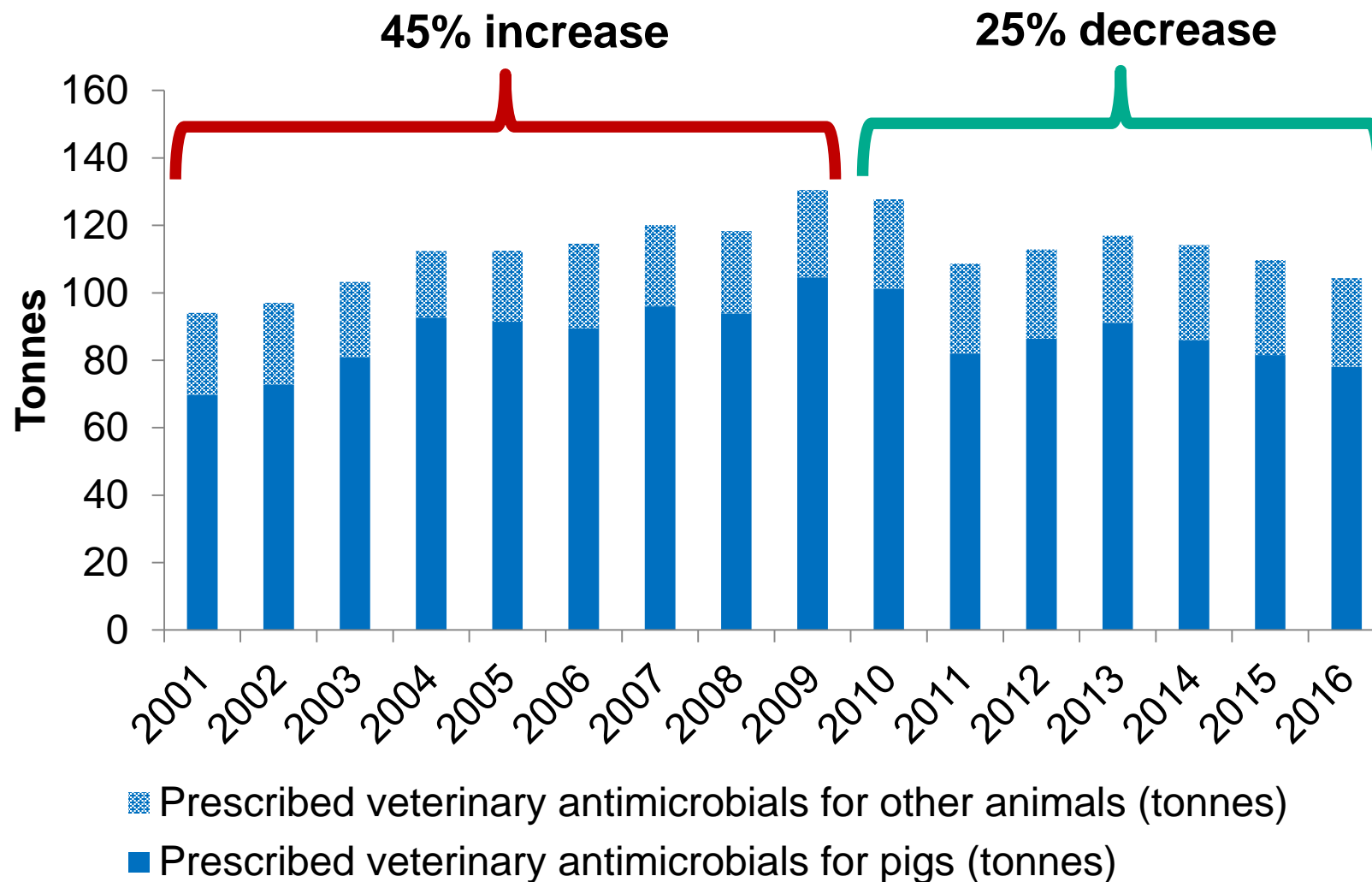
# Target in 2010: 10% reduction in farm animals



# Yellow Card Initiative in 2010



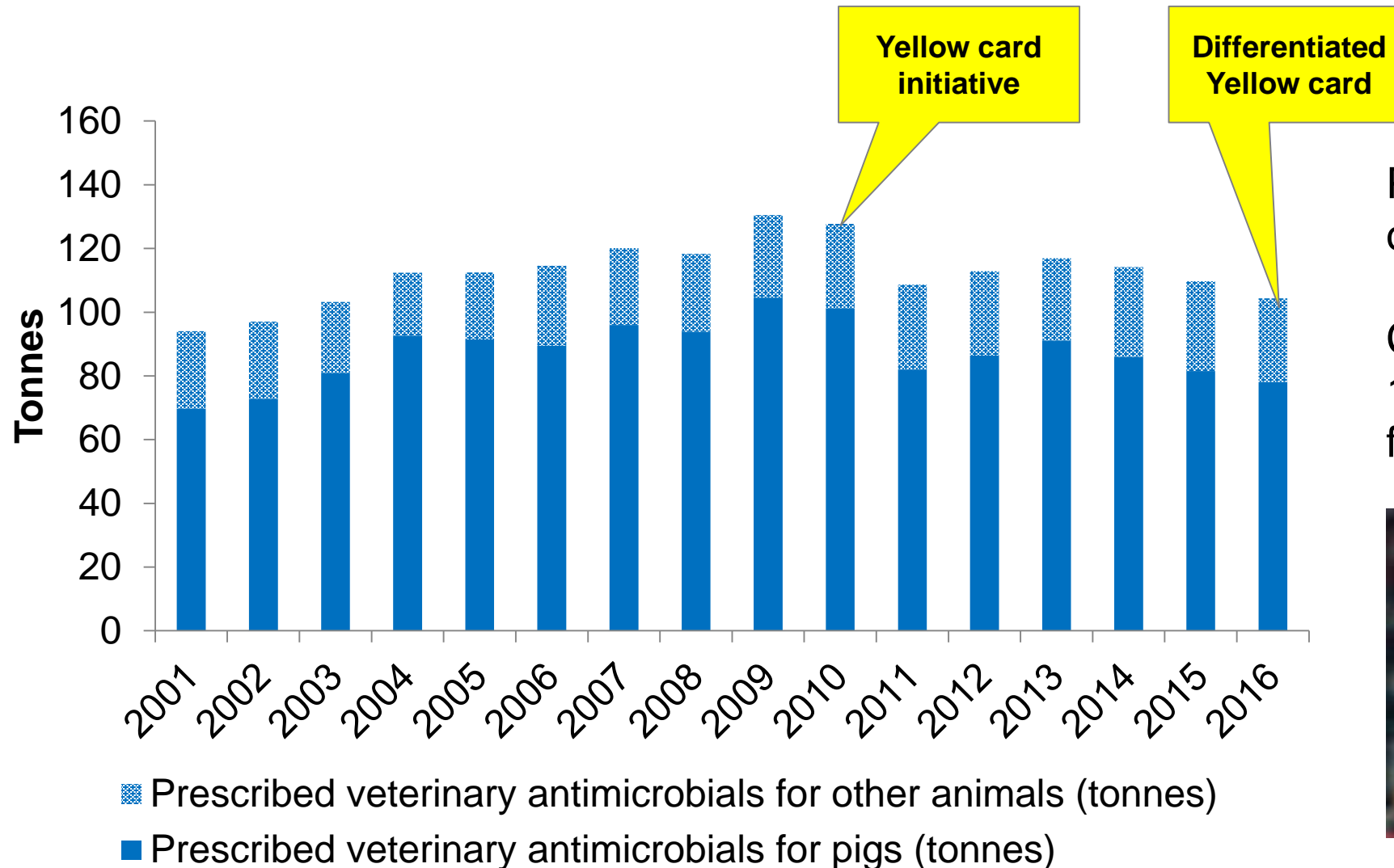
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# Yellow Card Initiative in 2010



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Political target 2009-2013  
on 10% was achieved

Current target:  
15 pct. reduction in pigs  
from 2014 to 2018





# Yellow Card Initiative for pigs



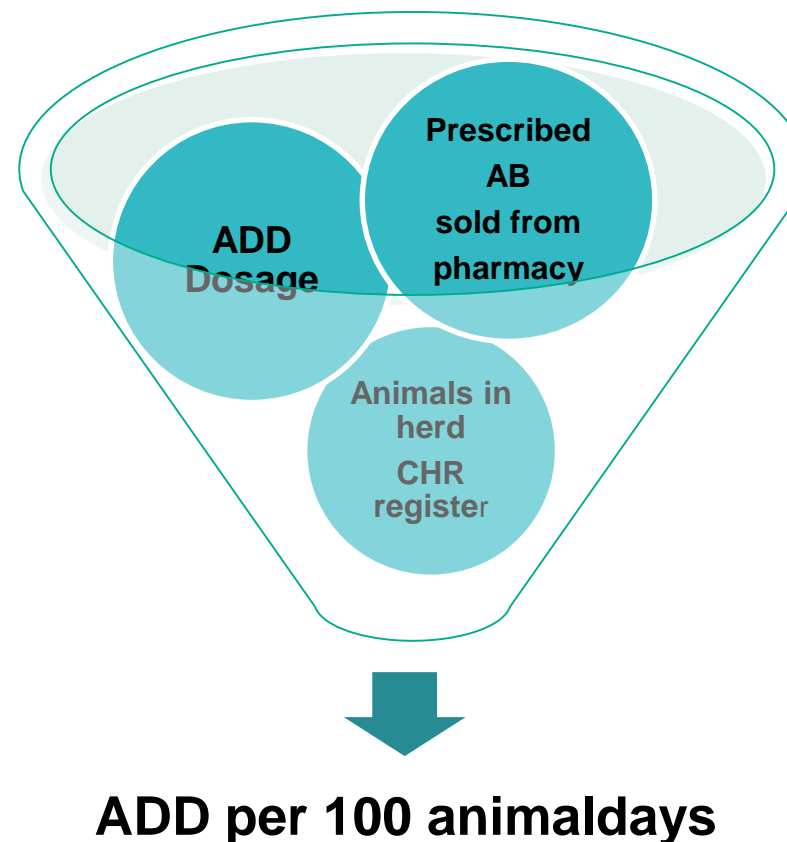
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**The yellow card initiative  
is designed to target the  
highest consumers of  
antimicrobials in the  
pig production**

Pigs (standard kg)	Threshold*
Weaner pigs (15 kg)	20.2
Finishers (50 kg)	5.2
Sows + piglets (200 kg)	3.8

\*March 2017, full effect by 31<sup>th</sup> December 2017

## Animal Daily Dose – a technical unit



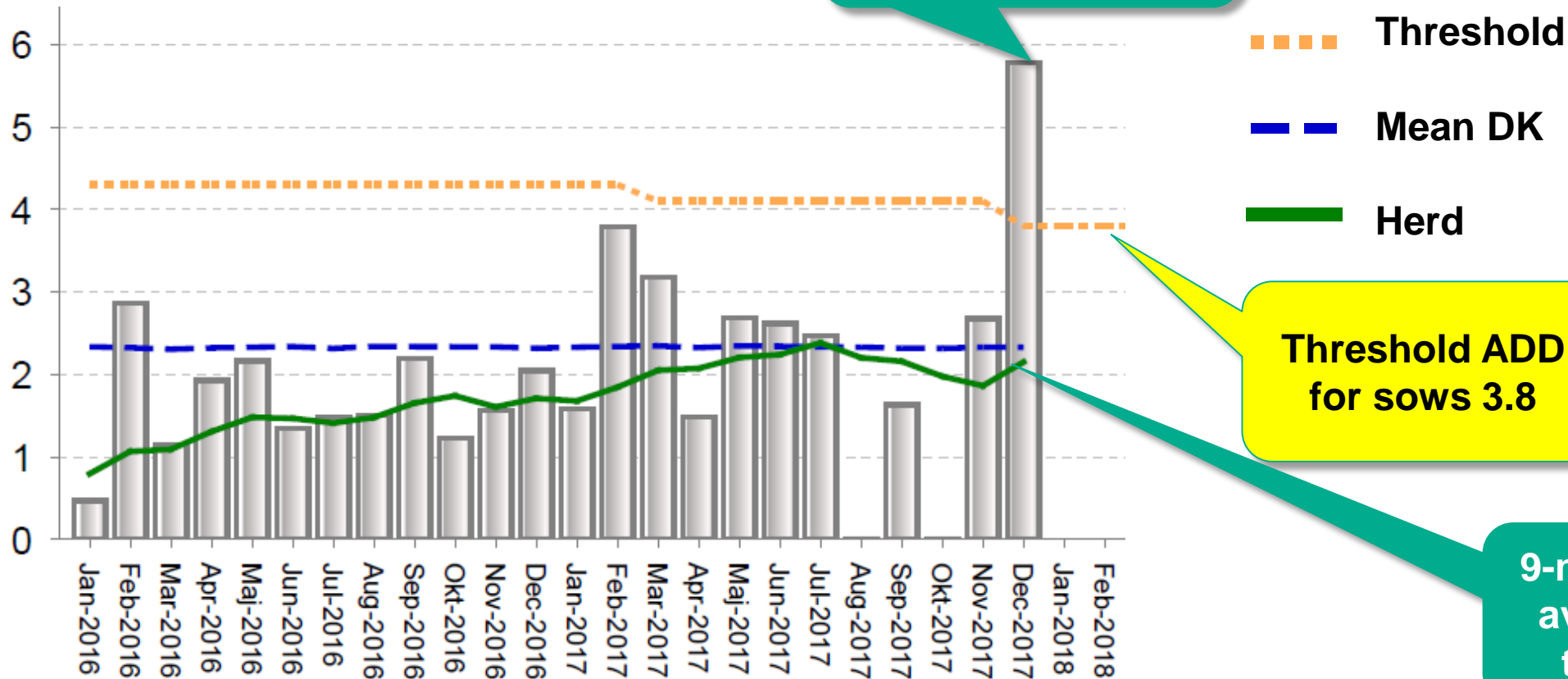


# Sowherd – an example



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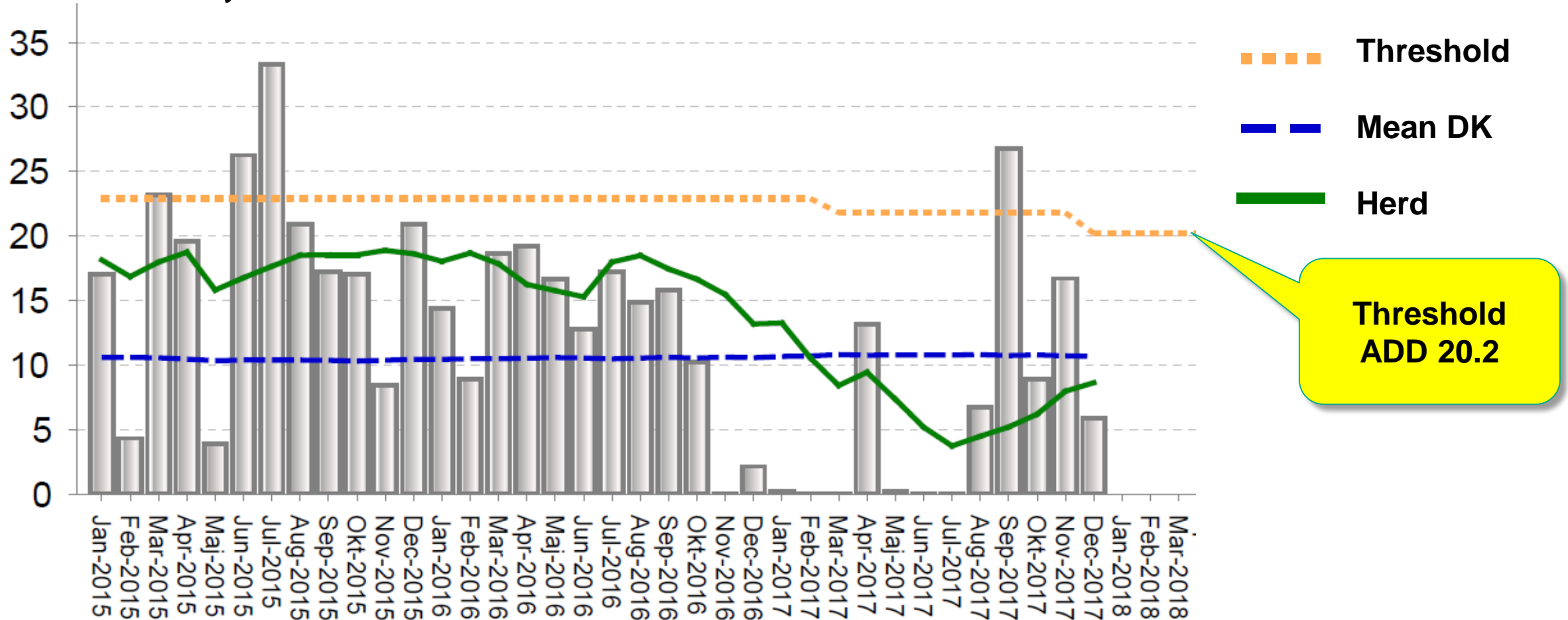


# Weanerpig herd – an example



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# What happens if a farmer gets a yellow card



Status 2016	Number
Pigherds in Denmark	5300
Warning letters	244
Yellow card in 2016	29
Red card	0

The DVFA issues an order – the yellow card – compelling the owner of the holding to reduce the consumption

The DVFA may carry out inspection visits

If the consumption at the holding has not been reduced below the threshold after a nine month period –

The DVFA may issue another order compelling the owner of the holding to follow expert advice from an impartial veterinarian

# Differentiated Yellow card since 2016



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## 2010



Reduction of consumption,  
tageting high users

## 2016/2017



+



Reduction of consumption,  
tageting high users

**AND**

Reduction of important  
antimicrobials

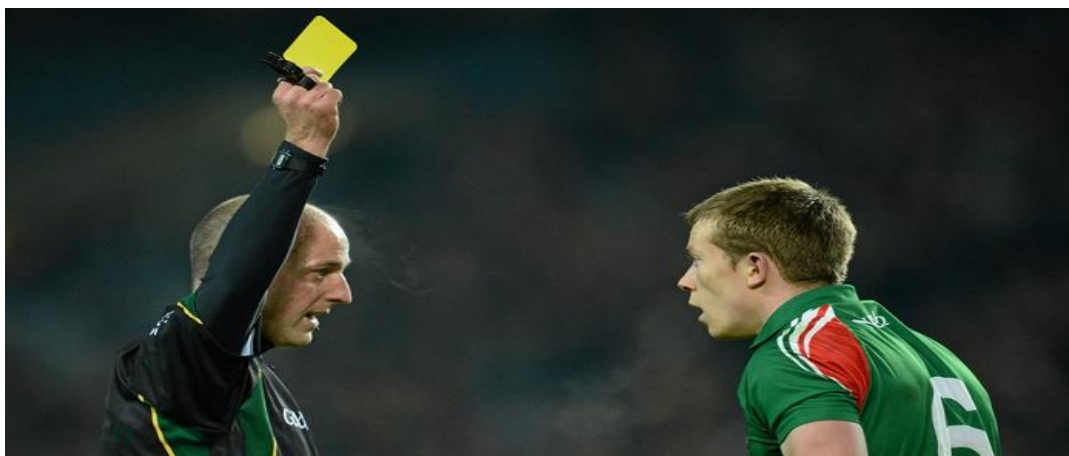


# Differentiated Yellow card



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**The yellow card initiative  
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highest consumers of  
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production and to promote  
responsible use**



$$\text{ADD}_{\text{weight}} = \text{ADD} \times \text{factor}$$

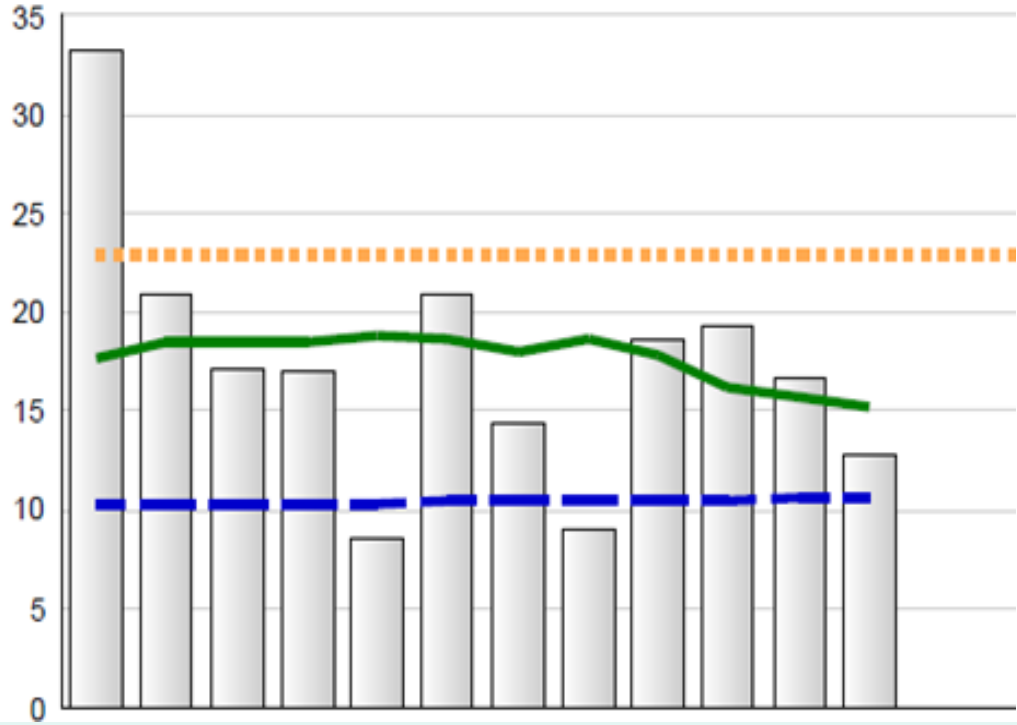
Class of antimicrobials	Factor
Fluoroquinolones 3. and 4. generation cephalosporines Colistin	10
Tetracyclines	1.5
Other antimicrobials	1.0

\*Factors in full effect by 31<sup>th</sup> December 2017

# Differentiated Yellow card – if tetracyclins are used

Before

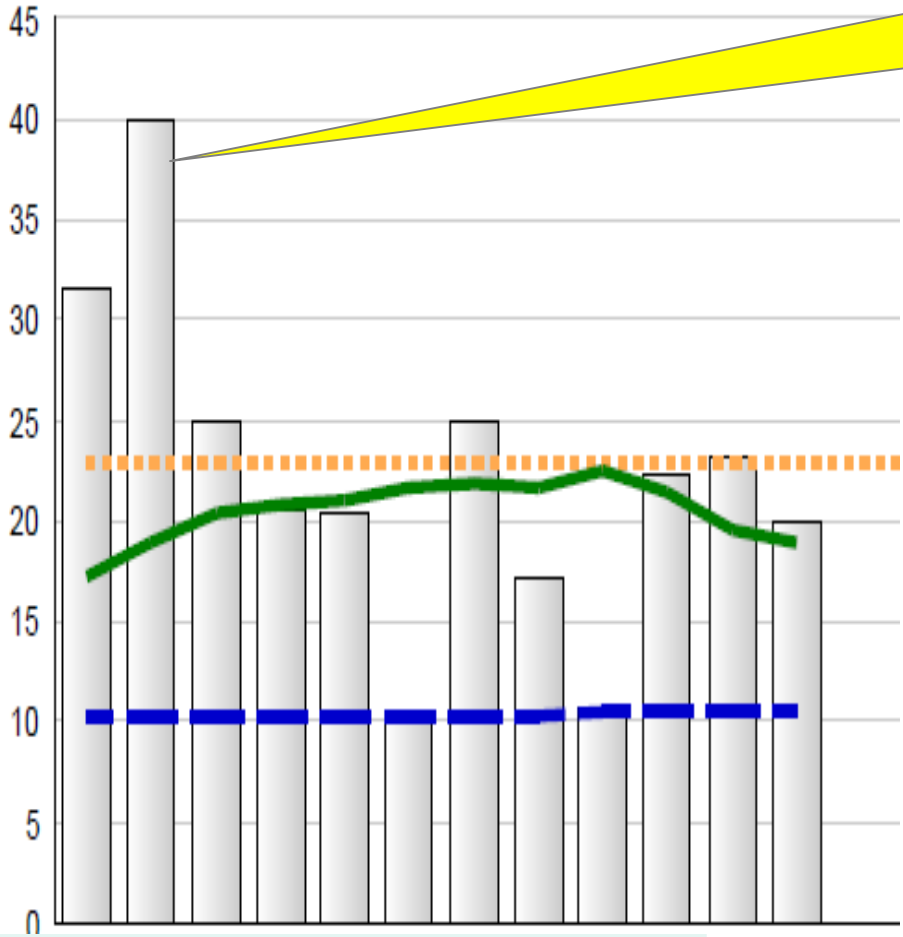
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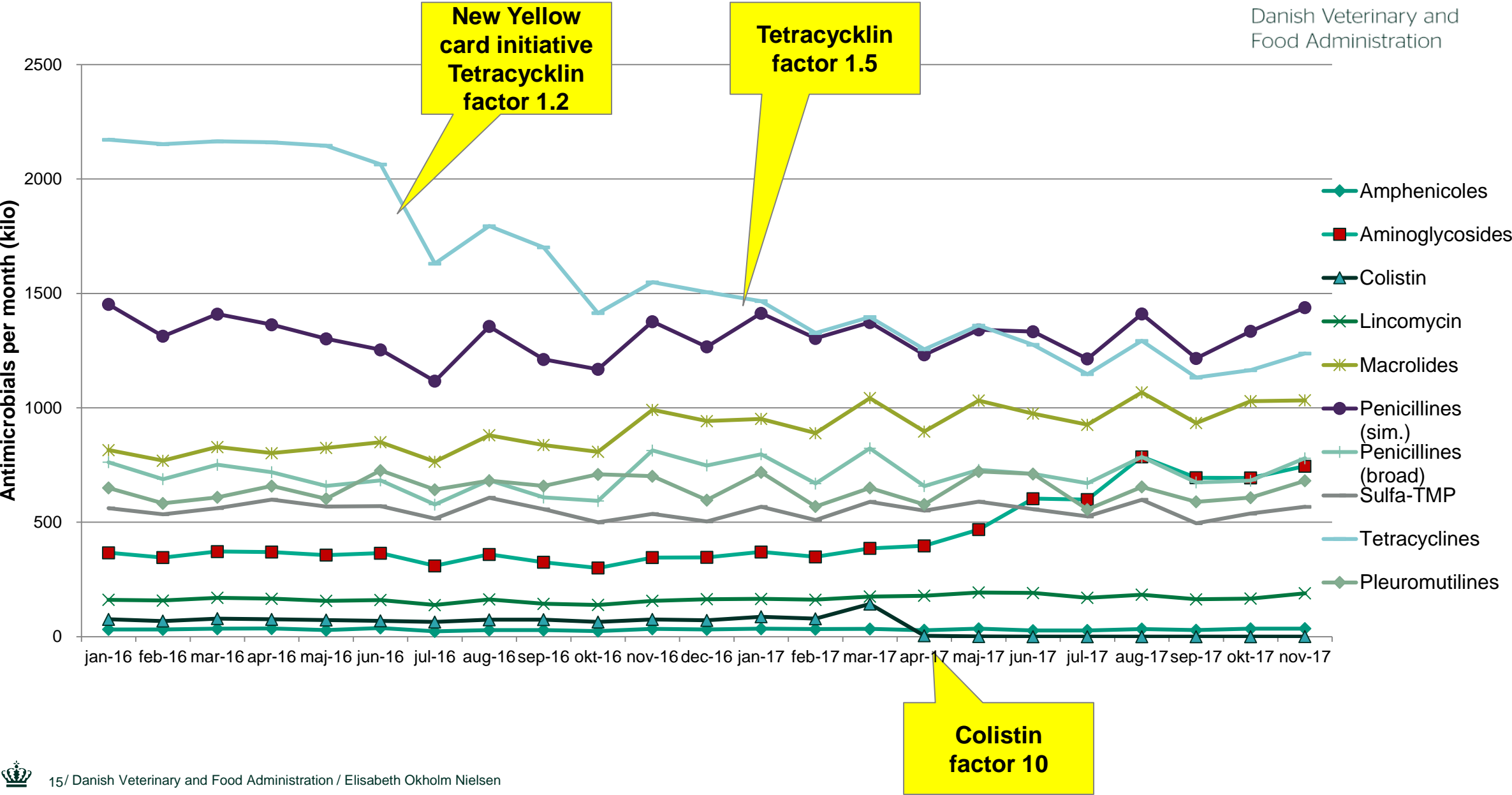
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After

Tetracyclins  
Factor 1.5



# Antimicrobials for pigs, monthly from January 2016





# Veterinary use of critically important AM



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## Flouroquinolones

- restricted use since 2002
- Yellow card factor x10 since 2016

**close to zero**

## 3./4. gen. Cephalosporins

- voluntary stop 2010
- Yellow card factor x10 since 2016

**close to zero**

## Colistin

- Yellow card factor x10 since 2017  
due to precautionary principle

**<0.5% of usage**

**Since april 2017: Use of colistin has  
dropped to less than 5 kilo per month**

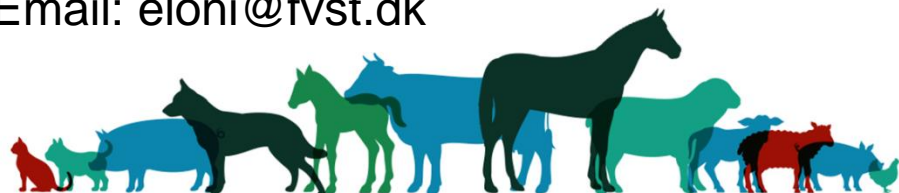




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## From farm to fork