Use Antibiotics Responsibly

Good Production Practice #3
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- Treatment of illness
- Control and prevention of disease
- Improve nutritional efficiency
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Principles for responsible antibiotic use:

• Take appropriate steps to decrease the need for antibiotics
• Assess advantages and disadvantages
• Use antibiotics only when they provide measurable benefits
• Fully implement the management practices described for responsible use of animal health products into daily operation
• Have a working veterinarian/client/patient relationship (VCPR) and follow the responsible antibiotic use guidelines
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Guidelines for use:

• Use a veterinarian to help you make decisions
• Treat only when there is a clinical diagnosis
• Treat only ill or at-risk animals - the fewest number
• Carefully review and justify treatment when dealing with potential antibiotic resistant infections
• It is illegal to mix together medications by a producer
• Handle and dispose of animal health products properly to minimize environmental exposure