

Use Antibiotics Responsibly

Good Production Practice #3

Assuring Quality Care for Animals

Food Animal Quality Assurance

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Antibiotic Use in Food Animal Production

- 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



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