



Position Statement on Antibiotic Stewardship

At Tyson Foods, we are dedicated to working with those in our supply chain to maintain the health and welfare of animals, thus protecting food safety and public health. We believe science-based, modern animal production systems promote food availability and supply chain resiliency. We recognize the need for responsible antimicrobial use¹ and acknowledge our part in the practice and promotion of antimicrobial and antibiotic stewardship².

We are committed to working with our supply chain to implement best practices that ensure proper animal health and welfare—including antibiotic stewardship principles, continuous improvement of production systems and use of effective disease prevention and control measures.

Even with these best-designed animal health programs, animals may become sick. Tyson Foods and our suppliers are guided by standards³ regarding animal health and welfare preservation, including an ethical obligation to treat animals within our care if they become sick⁴.

Consistent with our [Core Values](#), [Code of Conduct](#), [Supplier Code of Conduct](#) and supply partner certification requirements, we also expect that when antibiotics are used, they are used appropriately, under the direction of veterinarians, and consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

¹ Antimicrobials are any substance used to kill microorganisms or stop their growth. Antibiotics are a type of antimicrobial that fights bacterial infections in people and animals.

² “Antimicrobial stewardship” and “antibiotic stewardship” refer to the actions veterinarians take, individually and as a profession, to preserve the effectiveness and availability of antimicrobial drugs through conscientious oversight and responsible medical decision-making while safeguarding animal, public, and environmental health. For more information, [review the American Veterinary Medical Association’s \(“AVMA”\) core principles of antibiotic stewardship here](#).

³ According to guidelines for the responsible use of antibiotics issued by the World Health Organization (“WHO”), World Organization for Animal Health (“WOAH”), and the AVMA, veterinarians and producers under the direction of veterinarians, may use shared-class medically-important antibiotics based on the best available veterinary medical evidence and in an ethical and legal manner.

⁴ We expect that any and all antibiotics are to be used (i) in accordance with guidelines for responsible use of antibiotics issued by World Health Organization (WHO), World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) and the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), (ii) administered under the auspices of a veterinarian, and (iii) in compliance with FDA regulations (including withdrawal times).

