

PROTECT YOUR LIVESTOCK: SIMPLE STEPS TO HELP MINIMIZE ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE



Preventing and controlling infections are key steps in reducing the need to routinely use antimicrobials which results in minimizing the risk of antimicrobial resistance. Encourage responsible and careful use of antimicrobials by:

Practicing good biosecurity

While some infections and illnesses cannot be avoided, reducing the risk of infection can help. Remember to always:



control access to your farm, including access by visitors



separate sick animals to prevent animal-to-animal contact



isolate new animals before integrating with the rest of the population to ensure they are healthy



keep premises, buildings, equipment, and vehicles in good repair and regularly cleaned



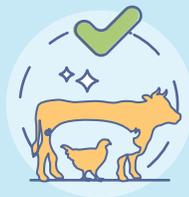
prevent interactions with wildlife as much as possible



secure feed to limit access to scavengers or rodents

Monitoring the overall health of your animals

Follow disease prevention guidelines. Consult your veterinarian at the first sign of infection, illness or behavioural changes in your animals.



Vaccinating when possible

Vaccinating for preventable diseases reduces the chance of illness and decreases the likelihood of needing antimicrobials in the future.



Ensuring a healthy diet for your livestock

Feeding livestock registered and/or authorized feed products supports a healthy diet which can contribute to keeping your animals healthy and reduce the need for antimicrobials like antibiotics.



Fostering a relationship with your veterinarian

Consult your veterinarian for any questions on prescribed treatments and antimicrobial resistance. Only your veterinarian knows when it is effective and safe to use antimicrobials.



Using antimicrobials as prescribed

Do your part by only administering antimicrobials when and how your veterinarian prescribes them, even if your animals are feeling better.



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