World Antibiotic Awareness Week  
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ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE

Happens when bacteria change and become resistant to the antibiotics used against them to treat the infections they cause. These infections become difficult to treat in animals and people.

What can livestock producers and pet owners do to prevent antibiotic resistance?

⇒ Vaccinate animals to reduce the need for antibiotics;
⇒ Ensure that antibiotics given to animals are only used to treat infectious bacterial diseases and under veterinary supervision. Don’t use antibiotics on healthy animals.
⇒ Give antibiotics to animals at the prescribed dose and continue until the course is completed;
⇒ Observe the correct withdrawal periods to ensure that food produced from animals treated with antibiotics, such as meat, milk and eggs, does not contain harmful levels of antibiotic residues;
⇒ Promote and apply good practices, including improved hygiene, biosecurity and improved animal welfare, at all steps of animal production.

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