

# Take the Pledge to Keep Antibiotics Working

**A**ntibiotics are losing their effectiveness to treat disease. One reason is that the overuse of antibiotics makes disease-causing bacteria resistant to antibiotic treatment. Such overuse is widespread in animal agriculture. In fact, an estimated 70% of the antibiotics used in the US each year are fed to farm animals on a routine basis — not to treat disease — but to make the animals grow slightly faster on less feed and to compensate for crowded,



stressful, unhealthy conditions. The American Medical Association and other experts oppose the feeding of antibiotics to farm animals that are not sick.

Take the Keep Antibiotics Working Pledge and send a message to President Bush, Congress, restaurants, retailers, and meat and fish producers that you support phasing out feeding antibiotics to farm animals and fish that are not sick.

I pledge to make every effort to purchase poultry, pork, beef, or fish produced without the routine use of antibiotics, such as those labeled “certified organic,” “raised without antibiotics,” or “no antibiotics administered.” I urge government officials, restaurants, retailers, and meat and fish producers to phase out feeding antibiotics to farm animals and fish that are not sick.

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