

WHAT RESPONSIBLE ANTIBIOTIC USE Means on a Pig Farm

When farmers and their veterinarians determine that antibiotics are needed, they're doing the responsible thing for People, Pigs and the Planet.



America's pig farmers work closely with veterinarians to ensure that their pigs stay healthy. However, at times pigs need medical attention, which may require the use of antibiotics to treat illness. Responsible antibiotic use means using only what's necessary for pig health. This sensible approach means doing what's best for food safety, animal well-being and the environment or in other words... People, Pigs and Planet.

Raising Healthy Pigs May Require Antibiotics

For pigs, just like people, antibiotics can be important for staying healthy and fighting disease. When pigs stay healthy, safe pork is the result. Here are some examples of when farmers, with veterinary oversight, choose to use FDA-approved antibiotics to care for their pigs as part of an overall care plan:

To treat illness when a pig gets sick



To control the spread of the illness in neighboring pigs



To prevent illness at specific times of vulnerability



Safe Pork Comes from Healthy Pigs

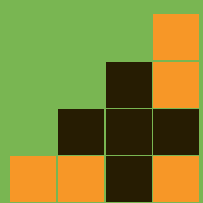
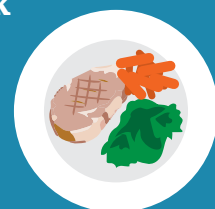


While raising healthy pigs is a top goal of pig farmers, their overall objective is to produce safe, **wholesome** food that's consistent with the ideals of today's consumers. Fortunately, U.S. pig farmers lead the way on animal care and doing what's right on the farm:

By maintaining a close working relationship with their veterinarians, farmers are able to keep pigs healthy. This is called a veterinary-client-patient relationship.



By using antibiotics responsibly when needed, farmers produce safe and delicious pork products for you and your family.



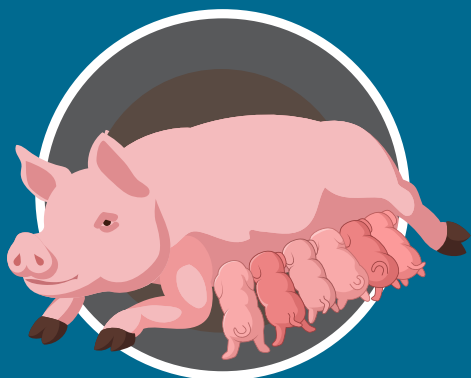
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In 1989, U.S. pig farmers began what's known today as the Pork Quality Assurance® Plus program to foster food safety and animal welfare. This certification program educates pig farmers on good record keeping and how to use antibiotics responsibly on their farms.

Responsible Antibiotic Use Benefits Everyone

Pigs Get a Better Quality of Life

When farmers use antibiotics as prescribed by a veterinarian, pigs tend to:¹



Give birth to larger, healthier litters



Get sick less often and recover faster



Suffer less premature death due to illness

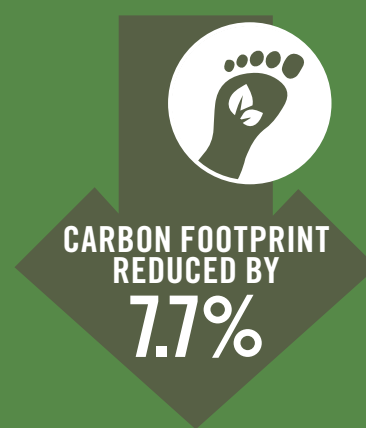
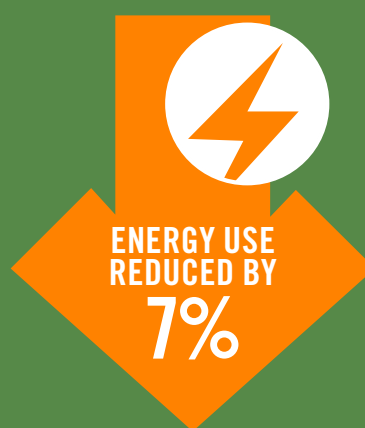
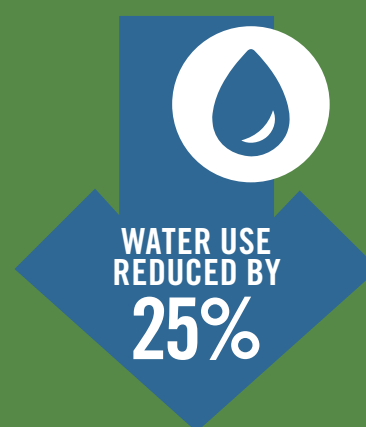


Stay healthier and grow stronger

1. Based on data from Effects of Alternative Hog Production Practices on the Market for Pork, R. Sexton, D. Sumner, T. Saitone, UC Davis, 2013.

U.S. Pork's Sustainability Keeps Improving

Improvements Per Pound of Pork Produced (from 1960 to 2015)²



This success is thanks in part to the farmers and veterinarians who use the appropriate tools to keep the pigs healthy.

2. A Retrospective Assessment of U.S. Pork Production: 1960 to 2015, Univ. of Arkansas, National Pork Board, 2018.



America's pig farmers share the same values as today's consumers.

Keeping pigs healthy and producing safe food is the top priority of pig farmers and their veterinarians. Together, they will continue to do what's right for the animals, which may include using antibiotics when necessary to keep pigs healthy.

For more information, visit www.porkcares.org

About this poster...

- The purpose of this infographic is designed to show consumers how America's pig farmers care for people, pigs and the planet in an easily understandable way.
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