



STX BEEF STATEMENT ON ANTIBIOTIC USE IN CATTLE
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Cattle producers supplying to STX Beef have a strong track record of working with veterinarians in the prudent and appropriate use of antibiotics and other herd health tools. Through multiple industry-led initiatives, including the Beef Quality Assurance Program and the Producer Guidelines for Judicious Use of Antimicrobials, cattle farmers and ranchers work hand-in-hand with veterinarians to select and use antibiotics carefully and only when needed.

When antibiotics are used in our beef supply, only FDA-approved antibiotics are used and FDA approved withdrawal periods are followed. The USDA regularly tests beef products at our facility for antibiotic residues.

Our HACCP plan states that STX Beef has a supplier approval program that requires our feedyards to adhere to a quality standard and provide us with that information. STX Beef is notified by USDA each week through electronic media of the "Residue Repeat Violator List" Based on this information we do not consider antibiotic residue as a food safety hazard that is reasonably likely to occur in our process.

STX Beef supports the use of antibiotics in our animal population when needed and when under the guidance of trained veterinarians. STX Beef will continue to monitor the ongoing discussion in relation to antibiotic use and make decisions based on supportable and scientifically validated data.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ronnie Trammell Jr.', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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