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Perceptions, fears and motivations for the use of complementary and alternative medicines: the results of a national survey of

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Summary:

The second EcoAntibio Plan promotes the use of alternative therapies, with more incentive than regulatory measures. Today, we have little information about the perceptions and knowledge of these medicines by actors in the veal sector. Therefore, a national survey, funded by FAM, was conducted among specialized breeders, technicians and veterinarians to identify the perceptions, fears and motivations for the use of complementary and alternative medicines. More than half of breeders already declare that they use them on their farms, mainly for the care of digestive and respiratory disorders. The main motivations for using these medicines are on the one hand a desire to reduce the use of antibiotics and on the other hand personal convictions. However, the lack of information and support is hampering professionals. Solutions must be found in the training of breeders, technicians and veterinarians who are many to express this need.

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