



500 Tools & Checklists

Prudent and efficient use of antimicrobials in pigs and poultry: a practical manual

by FAO

In **Significant Impact Groups:**

Prudent use AB \

Species targeted: Pigs;Poultry;

Age:

Summary:

This manual is intended to assist in using antibiotics in a prudent and medically efficient way without loss in productivity. The prudent and medically effective use of antibiotics comprises several elements: a) Phasing out use of antibiotics as growth promoters and avoiding regular preventive use of antibiotics; b) Avoiding use of the Highest Priority Critically Important Antimicrobials (CIAs) for human medicine in animals and adhering to the OIE List of Antimicrobials of Veterinary Importance; c) Only using antibiotics based on a diagnosis of disease by a veterinarian or other animal health professional and only for authorized indications; d) Striving for individual treatment of animals with the correct dose and duration and avoiding using antibiotics for group treatments except for poultry flocks, especially via feed. e) Using only quality-assured pharmaceuticals and always consulting an animal health professional before use; f) Disposing of unused and expired antibiotics in a proper way.

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