TACO BELL U.S. AND CANADA BEEF POLICY

Taco Bell seeks continuous improvement in its beef supply to provide consumers with the highest quality beef. We support reductions in antibiotics used in livestock production, with a focus on antibiotics important to human health and reducing antibiotic resistance.

Taco Bell’s antimicrobial policy seeks to build upon and reinforce the Yum! Brands Good Antimicrobial Stewardship policy’s focus on:

- Responsible, judicious use of antimicrobials to benefit human, animal and environmental health
- Reducing, and eliminating where possible, the use of antimicrobials important to human health (as defined by the World Health Organization)

PROCESS AND GOALS:

Taco Bell will give preference to suppliers who:

- **Increase veterinary oversight for all medications**, including antibiotics, by requiring Veterinary Client Patient Relationships (VCPR) for all cattle produced. VCPR requirements shall include:
  - The veterinarian having the responsibility for making clinical judgments regarding the health of the patient and the client agreeing to follow the veterinarians’ instructions.
  - The veterinarian having sufficient knowledge of the patient to initiate diagnosis of the medical conditions for treatment.
  - The veterinarian being readily available for follow-up evaluation or having arranged for veterinary emergency coverage, and continuing care and treatment.
  - The veterinarian providing oversight of treatment, compliance, and outcome.
  - Patient records being maintained.

- **Require participation in collaborative industry efforts on animal food safety and quality**
  - Require participation in animal husbandry practices that promote antibiotic stewardship like the Beef Quality Assurance Program, National Dairy FARM Program, or the Verified Beef Production Plus Program.

- **Require measured reductions in antibiotics important to human health as described by the WHO in the Taco Beef supply chain.**
  - Prohibit antibiotic use in cattle health programs that creates resistance to antibiotics important for human health, as described by the WHO, in the Taco Bell beef supply chain.

TACO BELL BEEF ANTIBIOTICS GOAL:

- **By 2025, Taco Bell will reduce antibiotics important to human health in our beef supply chain by 25%**.
  - We anticipate sharing progress on this goal beginning in 2022.