



Aramark Antibiotics Stewardship Position Statement

According to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (UN FAO), antimicrobials play a critical role in treatment of terrestrial and aquatic food producing animals and plants, helping to assure food safety and quality, animal health and welfare and farmer livelihoods. At the same time, the World Health Organization (WHO) states that antibiotic resistance is one of the biggest threats to global health, food security, and development today, and the overuse and misuse of antibiotics in humans and animals is accelerating the process¹.

At Aramark, we believe protecting the efficacy of antibiotics and preventing the development of antibiotic resistant bacteria is imperative to the wellbeing of our global community. We recognize that antibiotics, used responsibly, along with good animal-care practices, help improve food safety, animal health and welfare, and sustainability.

Aramark accepts the One Health approach² which recognizes the importance of considering the relationship between human, animal and environmental health. This approach is defined by a commitment to collaboration across sectors which reaffirms our commitment to engage diverse stakeholders including suppliers, industry, non-governmental organizations, and global quasi-governmental organizations.

We are committed to phasing out the routine use of antibiotics for use as growth promoters or disease prevention across poultry, beef, pork and seafood categories in our supply chain. We seek to ensure that antibiotics are only used for the treatment of sick animals or control of an identified disease outbreak as deemed by veterinarians to ensure their appropriate and judicious use. We encourage the development of surveillance systems for the usage of antibiotics to monitor trends in resistance and effectiveness of prescribed antibiotics in livestock production. We are on a journey of continuous improvement, and are prioritizing the reduction of antibiotics that are medically important to human health.

The following demonstrates our contracted sourcing progress in the U.S. towards meeting our commitment:

- Our primary broiler chicken supplier continues to reduce the use of antibiotics important to human medicine and in 2018 reported less than 4% of broilers raised were treated with shared class antibiotics.
- During the 2018-2019 school year, nearly 98% of our contracted chicken products supplied across our K-12 business were raised with No Antibiotics Ever (NAE), which represents an increase from 24% in 2017.
- 100% of our contracted turkey products do not use antibiotics critically important to human health.

We review our poultry purchases annually to ensure we're making progress against our goal of protecting the efficacy of medically important antibiotics. We also recognize the inherent challenges in reducing or phasing out the use of antibiotics across beef, pork and seafood categories and remain committed to working with our suppliers to understand, evaluate, and prioritize how to drive continued improvement across these categories while caring for the health of both animals and humans.

As we learn from our experiences in the U.S., we are applying our knowledge to advance responsible sourcing practices in the other countries where we operate. Our goal is to support global progress and we are prioritizing change based on where we can make the greatest impact.

¹ <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/antibiotic-resistance/en/>

² <https://www.cdc.gov/onehealth/basics/index.html>