

ANTIBIOTIC USE IN AGRICULTURE

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Antibiotics became commercially available for agricultural use in 1950. In the following decades, rife controversy ensued over the potential human health risks of antibiotic resistant strains of bacteria on the farm. The European Union and the United States developed independent strategies to cope with the threat of resistant strains and obtained very different results. Today, as eco-friendly farming is becoming more and more popular, several possible alternatives to antibiotic use have been discovered.