

AAAP Antimicrobial Strategy for Stewardship Talking Points

1. AAAP has always been committed to the responsible use of antibiotics in poultry and other food-producing animals, and supports FDA's recently released 5-year plan strategy
2. AAAP has long promoted the effectiveness and availability of antimicrobial drugs through conscientious oversight and responsible medical decision-making to safeguard poultry, public, and environmental health. In fact, AAAP was the first organization to develop judicious use guidelines and the implementation of these principles among our membership
3. AAAP members involved with making antibiotic use decisions have had almost total control of antibiotic stewardship in poultry production due to the unique integration system under which the industry operates
4. AAAP is also committed to the collection and tracking of on-farm antimicrobial usage data; many veterinarians within our organization are assisting with a project to quantify on-farm antimicrobial usage within the U.S. poultry industry. Having said this, any correlation with on farm antimicrobial use and end-product microbial sensitivity results needs to be properly interpreted.
5. AAAP supports the concept of defined duration of use for water soluble antimicrobials that lack such label information, but we wish to retain our AMDUCA privileges for extralabel drug use based on our clinical judgement.
6. AAAP wholeheartedly endorses all forms of medically important antimicrobials be placed under the supervision of licensed veterinarians