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Dear Dr. Henney,

Have been following for some time the story of world food production and have become increasingly concerned at the appalling ignorance and malfeasance exhibited in U. S. food production. In particular I wish to address the use of antibiotics as growth/weight stimulator agent for chickens, swine etc. Antibiotics are best used sparingly to help cure infectious disease. When used indiscriminately as a growth stimulant, as you know, the results can be dissatrous: mutant strains of bacteria can arise immune to the very medicines which would otherwise have held them in check.

Such disease agents of course are not only a danger to farm animals but also to humans who eat their meat. I believe that medicines such as penicilin and streptomycin should be reserved for fighting disease and not misused to fatten animals and agribiz profits. Please act to ban such inappropriate use of antibiotics

Thank you,

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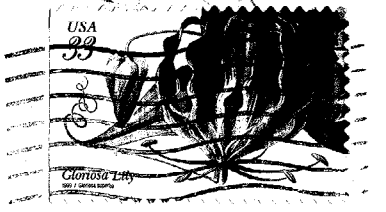

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