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We are writing this letter to urge you to ban animal uses of growth promoting antibiotics. Their are many other countries which have substantially curtailed their use of these drugs in livestock and poultry feed and have still managed to maintain their costs to the same level as before the curtailment. Even more to the point is the danger that the continued use of antibiotics in our meat and poultry products will eventually lead to strain resistant bacteria that will imperil human use of these drugs at some critical juncture of an illness.

We have survived for many centuries without using antibiotics in our animal food source and we think it just requires a change in the husbandry practices of several companies to continue in this mode.

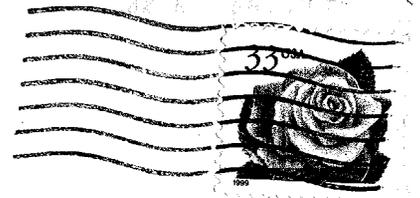
We urge you to ban the use of antibiotics for growth purposes in our livestock and poultry feeds.

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