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Dear Dr. Henney,

Being a member of the Union of Concerned Scientists, I am being informed and am concerned about the abuse and overuse of antibiotics in agriculture. Many antibiotics are being used to promote growth in farm animals. It has in recent years become apparent that antibiotic resistant bacteria are becoming more prevalent, as evidenced by rising prices for new antibiotics. Our European brethren in the EU have decided to eliminate the use of antibiotics in animal husbandry. Perhaps it is time we went down the same path, and minimized a potentially worse problem in years to come.

Thank you for your attention.

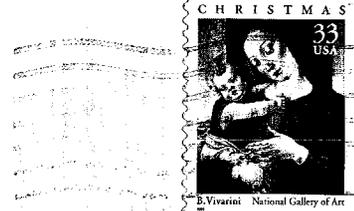
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