

Dine Alberta FS E-Tips for Meat Producers/Processors
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Dine Alberta – Safe Use of Animal Health Products

Consumers are increasingly concerned about food safety and drug residues. The presence of animal health product residues in meat or milk is a serious food safety issue for all livestock and poultry producers. Seek the advice of your veterinarian when selecting animal health products to reduce risks of ineffective drug treatments, drug residues and antimicrobial resistance.

- Use animal health products approved for use: in Canada, in the animal species and for the condition being treated.
- A written prescription from a vet is required for all prescription animal health products and for extra-label or off-label use.
- Store products according to manufacturers' instructions. Improper storage could lead to chemical changes in the animal health products that may impact their effectiveness and withdrawal times.
- Follow the product label for dosages, duration of treatment, withdrawal periods and suggested weight or age of animal(s) treated.
- Follow the vet's written instructions for all extra-label usage.
- Identify and track treated animals.
- Maintain records of all animal health product used. More on this in the next food safety e-tip.

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