



## *Tennessee Team on Antimicrobial Resistance*

Dear Tennessee Livestock Auction Barn Owner/Operator:

The Tennessee Team on Antimicrobial Resistance is pleased to supply you with the enclosed buyer cards at no charge.

The goal of the buyer card is to increase awareness among Tennessee cattlemen about careful selection and use of antimicrobials. Please note that the buyer card provides some simple but important recommendations and a valuable list of contacts for Tennessee cattlemen.

Bacteria are getting harder to kill with antimicrobials (a problem called antimicrobial resistance). This is a growing problem for food-producing animal industries. These hard-to-kill or "resistant" bacteria are also a problem for human health. It is important for livestock producers, veterinarians, and other animal owners to become knowledgeable about the issue of antimicrobial or antibiotic resistance and to implement practices to keep our antimicrobials working.

Tennessee cattlemen are national leaders and are progressive in their efforts to address important issues in the beef industry. Antimicrobial resistance is such an issue.

If you find these cards useful, we will be glad to send additional buyer cards while supplies are available. Please contact Darryl Edmisson at the Tennessee Department of Health (615-253-8679) to request additional cards.

Thank you,

*Tennessee Team on Antimicrobial Resistance*

The *Tennessee Team on Antimicrobial Resistance* (TTAR) is a coalition of members from the Tennessee Department of Health, Tennessee Department of Agriculture, the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine, Tennessee Veterinary Medical Association, UT Extension Service, Tennessee Agricultural Experiment Station, Tennessee Cattlemen's Association, and others joined together to develop and promote an effort to ***Keep Antimicrobials Working!***





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# Select and Use Antimicrobials Carefully!

Practice Proper Management to  
Avoid the Need for Antibiotics.

**Consult a Veterinarian  
Whenever Antibiotics Are Used.**

- Limit antimicrobial use to sick animals or as otherwise directed by your veterinarian.
- Use the proper dose, through the proper route, for the recommended time.
- Keep records of antibiotic use.



**Vaccinate / Limit Stress / Manage  
Nutrition / Manage the Environment**

## Important Contacts for Tennessee Cattlemen

TN Team on Antimicrobial Resistance  
<http://www2.state.tn.us/health/CEDS>  
615-741-7247  
800-404-3006

TN Department of Agriculture  
<http://www.state.tn.us.agriculture>  
615-837-5120

University of Tennessee College of  
Veterinary Medicine  
<http://www.vet.utk.edu/>  
865-974-VETS

University of Tennessee Extension  
<http://www.utextension.utk.edu/>  
865-974-7114

TN Cattlemen's Association  
<http://www.tncattle.org/>  
615-896-2333(BEEF)

TN Veterinary Medical Association  
<http://www.tvmanet.org/>  
800-697-3587

American Association of Bovine  
Practitioners  
<http://www.aabp.org/>  
334-821-0442