

AABP POSITION STATEMENT

MEDICALLY IMPORTANT ANTIMICROBIALS IN THE PREVENTION OF CALF DIARRHEA



The scientific literature does not provide enough evidence to support the use of short-term, intermittent or chronic use of medically important antimicrobials in milk, milk replacers or other routes of administration to prevent calf diarrhea. A system-based approach that includes biosecurity, colostrum management, high-quality nutrition and proper husbandry and housing is the only reliable way to prevent calf diarrhea and reduce the need for antimicrobial use. Therefore, the AABP does not support the prophylactic use of medically important antimicrobials for prevention of calf diarrhea.

FDA links

■ <https://www.fda.gov/animal-veterinary/antimicrobial-resistance/list-medically-important-antimicrobial-drugs-affected-gfi-213>

■ <https://www.fda.gov/animal-veterinary/antimicrobial-resistance/list-approved-medically-important-antimicrobial-drugs-administered-feed-food-producing-animals-lack>