



## **WAKEFIELD PORK ANTIBIOTIC USAGE POLICY**

At Wakefield Pork, we have tremendous respect for life, human and animal alike. That is why we take great care in the management and application of antibiotics. Antibiotics are a critical component of animal welfare, and we work very diligently to preserve their efficacy for future generations of people and animals.

Responsible antibiotic use starts with our veterinarian relationship. Our veterinarians are specialized in swine care, and they are involved in our every step of pig farming. We only use medically important antibiotics under a prescription or veterinary feed directive (VFD) and exclusively for the purposes of preserving animal health and welfare.

Wakefield Pork is dedicated to proper training and ongoing caretaker education. All of our employees and contract growers must complete the Pork Quality Assurance Program. Our Wakefield family consists of specialized teams that focus on each stage of the pig's lifecycle. These teams continually communicate with each other and our veterinarians to stay current with the latest information and practices. Every animal caretaker records the use of antibiotics and follows the label directions for dosage, duration, and withdrawal to ensure that the pork we raise is safe to eat.

Additionally, we exercise good production practices such as biosecurity, proper ventilation, and individualized pig care. We vaccinate our herds for common, preventable diseases. Our feed is comprised of safe, quality ingredients that nourish the pig throughout its life cycle. All of these efforts allow us to maintain the best standard of animal welfare, which reduces disease and minimizes our need for antibiotics.

We actively engage in internal and third party auditing of our entire herd as a tool for continuous improvement. We have a commitment to corrective action if a problem arises. At Wakefield Pork, we are passionate about animal well-being, food safety, and antibiotic sustainability. We aspire to provide only the best quality pork for our family and for yours.

