FACT SHEET
THE AUSTRALIAN PORK INDUSTRY - ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP

INDUSTRY QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM
DEVELOPED & IMPLEMENTED IN 1990’s
Safeguards the health and biosecurity of Australian pig herds.

90% PRODUCTION COMPLIANCE
Each farm must have a herd health program and a consultant pig veterinarian that oversees all medical treatments.

APIQ
Website for information regarding biosecurity and the maintenance of a high-health-status pig herd in Australia.
www.keepingourpiggssafe.com.au

ANTIBIOTICS & THE PIG INDUSTRY

1. Australia has strict regulations regarding antimicrobial use in livestock.
2. Australian regulations require veterinary prescription and supervision of all antibiotics used in pigs.
3. Code of Practice for use of Veterinary Medicines in the Pig Industry were first developed in 1989.
4. All pig veterinarians are required to be registered.
5. Antibiotics classified by the WHO as critically important for human medicine, are never used routinely or preventatively by the industry.
6. There are no antibiotics used for growth promotion in Australian pigs.

RESPONSIBILITY, REVIEW, REDUCE, REPLACE & REFINE

APL SPEND $2 MILLION
Collectively on initiatives that fall within the 5R framework for good antimicrobial stewardship.

*based on 2018 figures

AMR
ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE
Antibiotics kill or inhibit the growth of bacteria and are essential in human and animal medicine.

Australia is a world leader in developing and implementing VACCINES AS ALTERNATIVES TO ANTIBIOTICS

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400* PRODUCERS SUPPLY 90% DOMESTIC MARKET