

Dear Dr. Henney:

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I urge the FDA to ban the use of human antibiotics to make livestock grow faster.

The overuse of antibiotics in animal agriculture is the principal cause of antibiotic ~~resistance~~ ^{in food-borne} bacteria like salmonella and campylobacter.

The European Union has already banned all growth-promoting uses of antibiotics that have a role in human medicine.

The FDA needs to act now, before human diseases become untreatable.

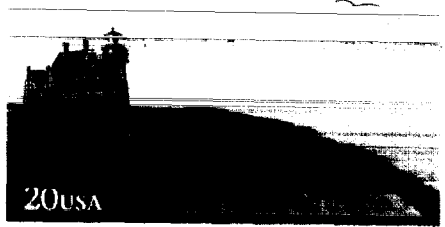
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