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I urge the Food & Drug Administration to ban the use of ~~human~~ ~~antibiotics~~ ~~to~~ make livestock grow faster.

Many of the same drugs doctors use to treat illnesses such as food poisoning and staph infections are used to raise pigs, chickens and cattle for the kitchen. They are also used to treat sick livestock and fed to feed healthy animals in the belief animals will reach slaughter weight quicker. Use of huge quantities of the antibiotics brings us closer to the time when bacteria can develop resistance to these drugs.

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

As the designated protector of our health, it is high time you act for all our good health.

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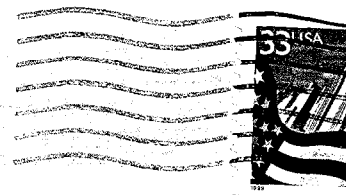
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