Antibiotics and Animals
Building Consumer Trust

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Costco today....

- Sales of $114 Billion
- 2.3 Million Transactions/Day
- 686 Warehouses
- 9 countries
- 2nd Largest retailer in the world
- 200,000 Employees
Costco Members

- 44 Million Households (80 M cardholders)
- Expectations
- Heightened Awareness
- Costco’s Responsibilities
Responsibility

• Animals
  • Costco is committed to the welfare of animals used in the production of food
    – Sick animals must have access to treatment

• Members
  • Provide our members with the goods and services they expect
Position

- Continued support of the regulatory policy on dual-use antibiotics
- Work with regulators, our suppliers, and antibiotic suppliers to limit/eliminate them in the food supply
Engage

• Stay Informed
  – Recommended best practices and measurements
• Be part of the dialog with our members
  – Factually explain antibiotic resistance and its causes
  – What class of antibiotics are being used
  – Withdrawal times and antibiotic residues
Thank you