



California Antimicrobial Use and Stewardship (AUS) Surveys & Studies: Why should you participate?

- AUS surveys and studies provide opportunities for livestock owners to be heard and to showcase their commitment to animal and public health. We can't understand the true picture of California livestock health and management without your feedback.
- The information you provide voluntarily will directly influence the resources, materials, and guidance developed by AUS for producers, veterinarians, and the public.
- All individual information you provide will be kept private, as required by state law (FAC 14407). In an effort to protect your confidentiality, AUS collects as little personally identifiable information as possible from its voluntary participants.
- This is your chance to be heard by the California Legislature! Voluntary participation across the state ensures that when AUS reports to the Legislature it has an accurate picture of antimicrobial use and animal health across all sectors in California.

Background Information

- The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)'s Antimicrobial Use and Stewardship (AUS) program was created to fulfill the California Senate Bill 27 (SB 27) mandate to address the use of medically important antimicrobial drugs (antibiotics) in livestock, with the aim of reducing antibiotic resistance.
- The surveys and studies conducted by AUS and its partners help the program better understand current trends in antimicrobial usage and resistance as they actually occur in California's livestock.
- Many current reports, nationally and internationally, measure antibiotic sales without looking at the full picture of on-farm management practices and animal health. AUS strives to collect information that accurately represents antimicrobial use, and its relationship to resistance, in California's livestock.
- One way AUS meets this goal is by gathering information regarding antimicrobial use, livestock management practices, and animal health from producers, feed mills, and veterinarians to show a complete picture for the state.

Any Questions? Contact AUS!



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