Antimicrobial resistance happens when bacteria and other microorganisms change after being exposed to antimicrobial drugs. Antibiotics are among the most common antimicrobial drugs used in humans and animals. The overuse and misuse of antibiotics is speeding up the development of resistance and putting us all at risk.

Misuse of antibiotics in livestock, poultry, aquaculture and crops is a key factor contributing to the growth of antibiotic resistance and the spread of resistant bacteria to humans through the environment and food chain.

**WHAT FOOD PRODUCERS CAN DO**

*Including livestock and poultry raisers, aquatic animal farmers, crop producers*

1. **Stop overuse and misuse of antibiotics by:**
   - Ensuring antibiotics are only given to animals under veterinary supervision
   - Never using antibiotics for growth promotion
   - Increasing awareness about the risks of overusing and misusing antibiotics

2. **Prevent the spread of infection by:**
   - Applying good practices at all steps of food production
   - Keeping animals in clean and sanitary conditions and preventing overcrowding
   - Vaccinating animals and isolating sick ones to prevent the spread of disease

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