Antibiotic Resistance from the Farm to the Table

Resistance: Animals can carry harmful bacteria in their intestines. When antibiotics are given to animals, antibiotics kill most bacteria, but resistant bacteria can survive and multiply.

Spread: Resistant bacteria can spread to animal products, produce through contaminated water or soil, prepared food through contaminated surfaces, and the environment when animals poop.

Exposure: People can get sick with resistant infections from contaminated food and contaminated environment.

Impact: Some resistant infections cause mild illness, severe illness and may lead to death. About 1 in 5 resistant infections are caused by germs from food and animals.

Learn more about antibiotic resistance and food safety at www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/antibiotic-resistance.html. Learn more about protecting you and your family from resistant infections at www.cdc.gov/drugresistance/protection_yourself_family.html.