

Dear Aarti,

Hope this finds you doing well since our last meeting.

Darden has received your letter and noted FAIRR's comments around antibiotic usage in the meat supply chain.

As we discussed at the summit last fall in New York, this is a complicated issue. Any discussion regarding antibiotic use must reflect a variety of considerations, including an understanding that responsible use of antibiotics is one way farmers keep animals healthy and enhance food safety.

Darden continues to look at this topic as a component of farm animal care. This is part of the reason our current statement around antibiotic usage is positioned within our Food Principles, as this is one attribute we balance along with food safety, quality, and sustainable sourcing.

This year, we initiated an Animal Welfare Task Force that is working diligently to ensure our animal welfare values are effectively implemented across our supply chain. This work includes addressing responsible use of antibiotics.

We will continue to review this important topic with our supply chain partners any updates will be shared on our website at: <https://www.darden.com/citizenship/plate/food-principles>.

Best,
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