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Reduction in Antimicrobial Usage in Animals – Do We See Effects on Antimicrobial Resistance?

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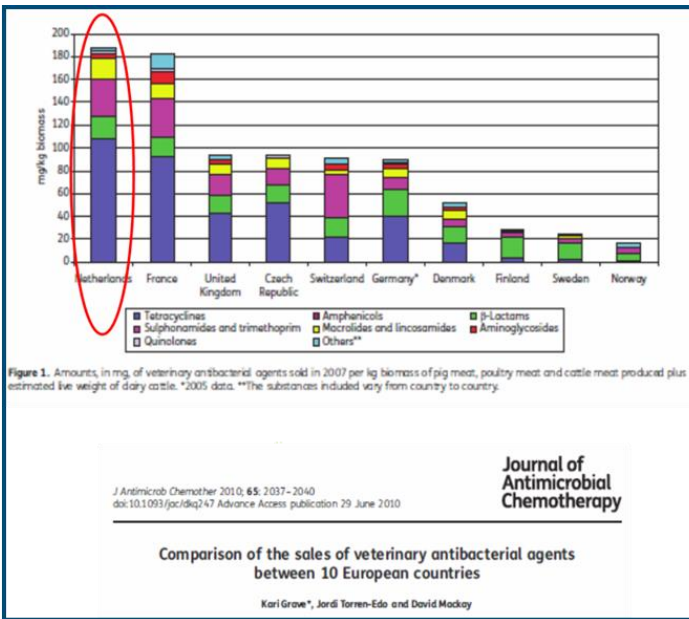
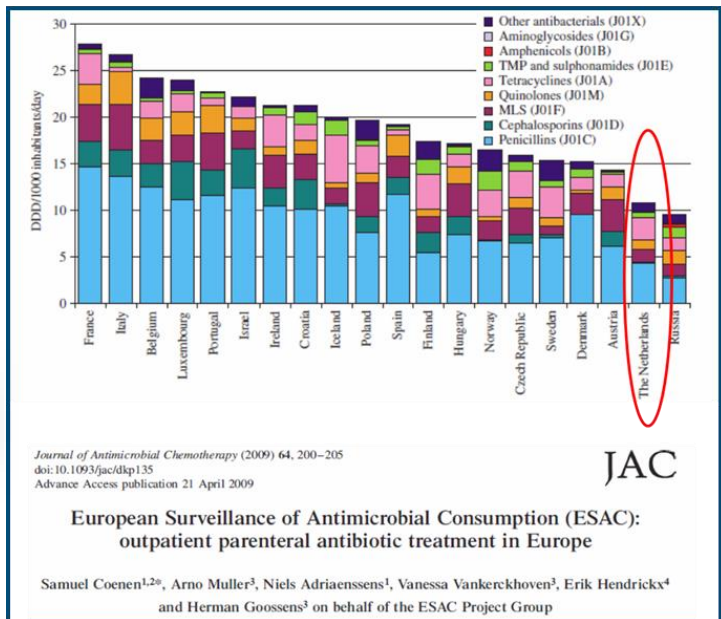
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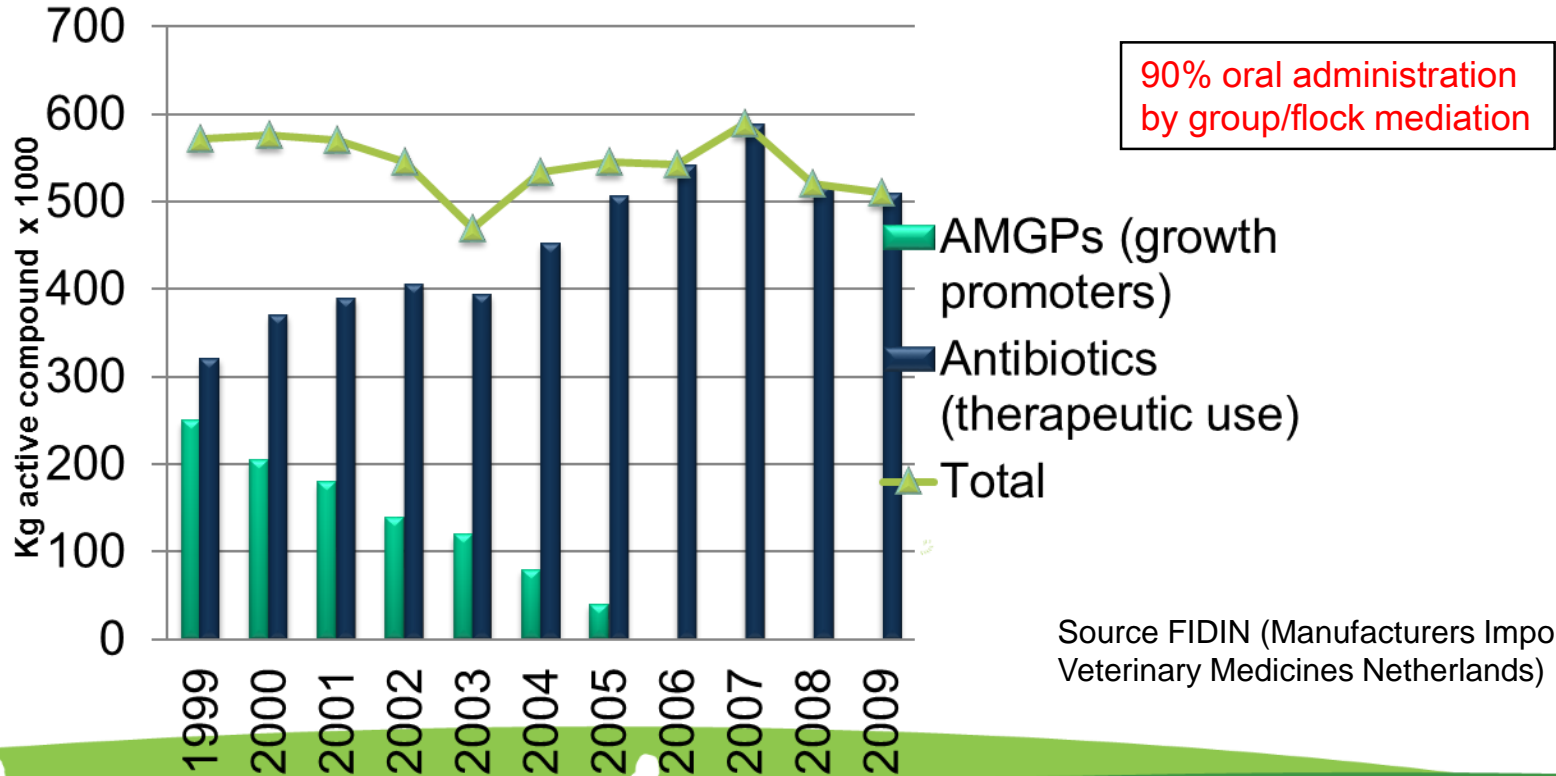
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A few years back (2007): Antibiotic usage in humans and animals



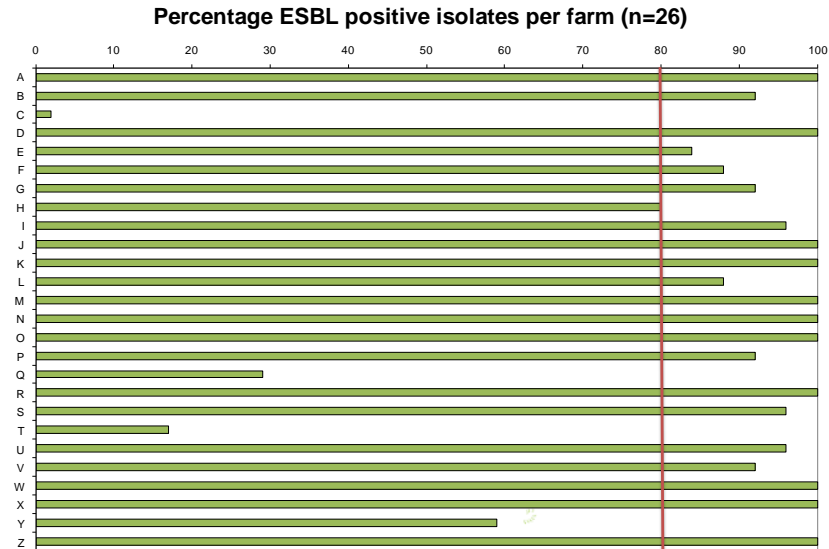
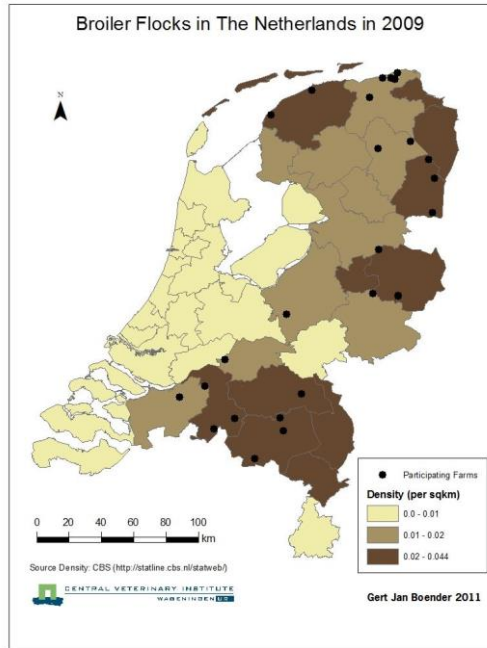
Antibiotic sales for animal usage in the Netherlands



Source FIDIN (Manufacturers Importers
Veterinary Medicines Netherlands)



Prevalence of ESBL-producing *E. coli* in Dutch broiler farms (2009)



Dierikx C et al., 2013.
Extended-spectrum- β -lactamase- and AmpC- β -lactamase-producing *Escherichia coli* in Dutch broilers and broiler farmers.
J Antimicrob Chemother. 2013 Jan;68(1):60-7. doi: 10.1093/jac/dks349. Epub 2012 Sep 4.

- 100 % of the farms: ESBL-*E. coli* positive
- On 85 % (22/26) within-farm prevalence $\geq 80\%$
- Prevalence UK: 3.6%



Determinants for change in policy

- Consecutive **crises** in animal production
 - BSE, Q-fever, MRSA, **ESBLs**
- Debate about **effects of increase in farm sizes**
- **Public health** concern



Report of the Health Council Committee

Measures taken



Measures by Competent Authorities

- **Legally binding measures:**
 - **AB preventive use is no longer allowed** (diagnosis required)
 - **3rd choice drugs** (FQs and 3rd/4th Gen Cephs)
 - Only allowed based on antibiogram demonstrating that no alternative option are available
 - NRL-AMR needs to control the quality of susceptibility tests of diagnostic laboratories
 - **Mandatory treatment and health plan for each farm**
 - Only 1st choice drugs allowed to be present on farms





Measures by Veterinary Association

- **Implement a Quality Assurance System for veterinarians**
 - Guidelines for treatment of certain diseases, appropriate use of antibiotics
 - Update of formularies according to changed regulations
 - Write a guideline for 1st, 2nd, 3rd choice drugs
 - Accepted by both ministries (Health and Agriculture)
 - Formularies are the binding source for treatment plans

Measures by Livestock producers:

Ban use of certain products

Implement certification system for farms and vets

Private control system on prescription patterns

Mandatory formularies





New targets added

No use in animals of all new antibiotics:

Carbapenems, tigecycline, daptomycin, oxazolidones, mupirocin

Fluoroquinolones and 3rd/4th generation Cephalosporins:

No use in animals unless demonstrated that no alternative treatment options are available

Colistin, beta-lactams, aminoglycosides

All classified as second choice antibiotics

Only allowed unless appropriate diagnostics by veterinarian

Mandatory 50% reduction of antibiotic usage in animals in 2013





Reduction of antibiotic sales

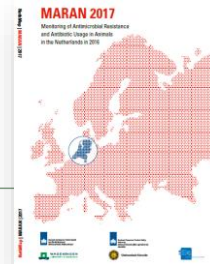
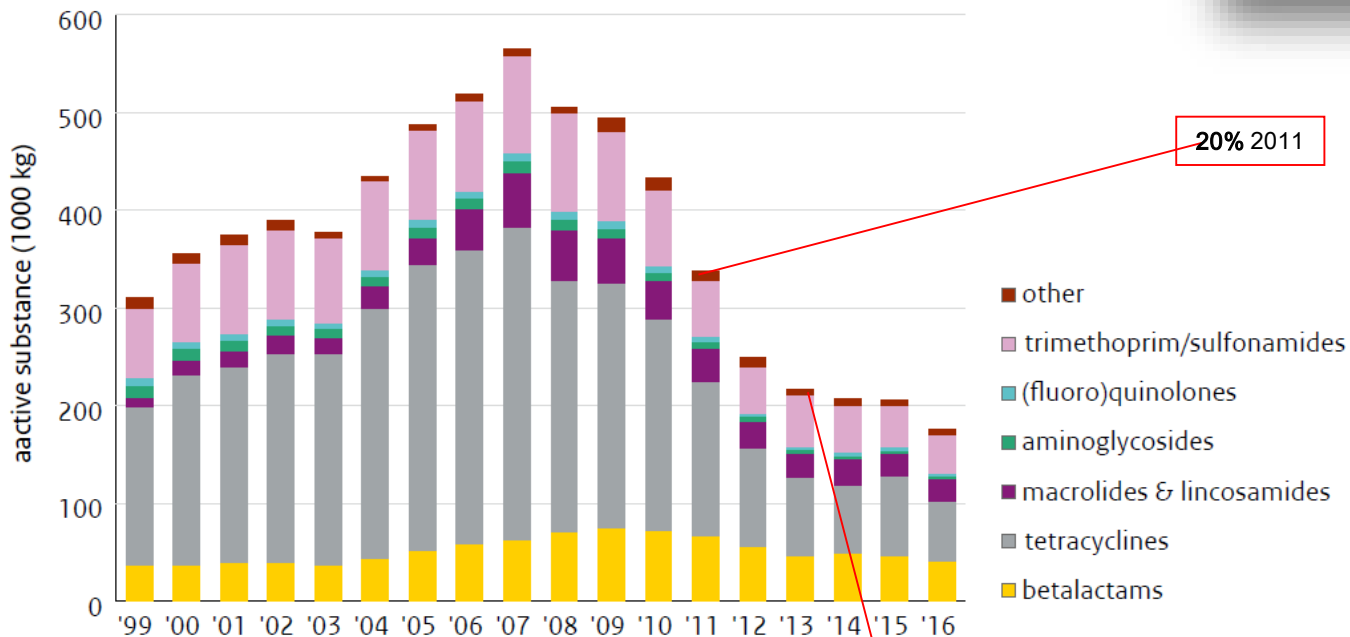


Figure ABuse01 Antimicrobial veterinary medicinal product sales 1999-2016 in kg (thousands)



20% 2011

50% 2013

70% 2016



The Dutch model

J. Verbr. Lebensm.
DOI 10.1007/s00003-014-0874-z

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Journal of Consumer Protection and Food Safety

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Reduction of antibiotic use in animals “let’s go Dutch”

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Reduction of Veterinary Antimicrobial Use in the Netherlands. The Dutch Success Model

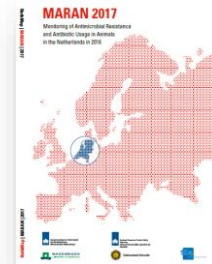
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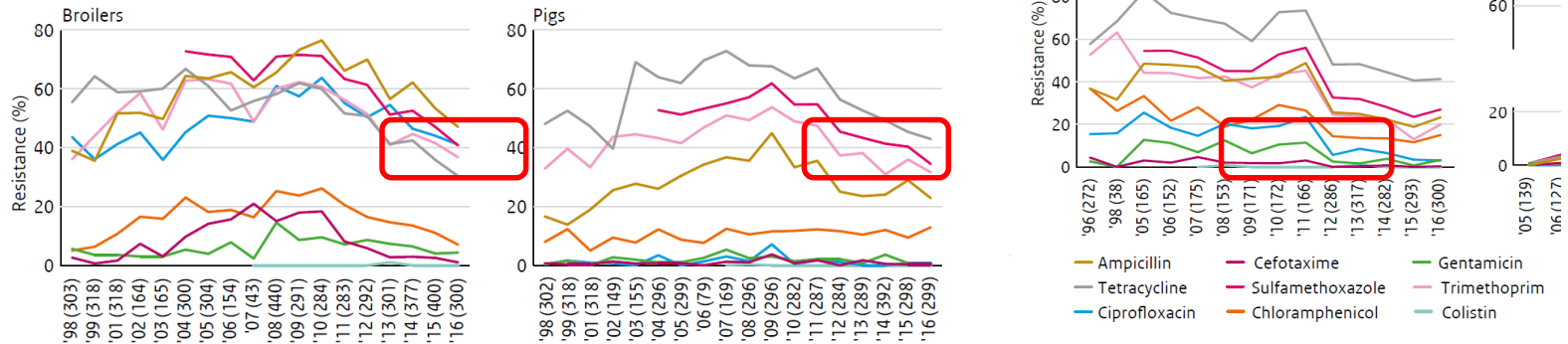
Reduction in Antimicrobial Usage in Animals
We Do See Effects on Antimicrobial Resistance



Occurrence of antimicrobial resistance in commensal *E. coli*



Figure Eco01 Trends in resistance (%) of *E. coli* isolated from broilers, slaughter pigs, veal calves and dairy cattle in the Netherlands from 1998-2016.



Have we realized our reduction-ambitions?

- Yes
 - Usage quantity
 - in reduction of sales
 - In reduction of prescriptions by vets and usage on farms
 - Usage quality
 - Substantial less usage of 3rd choice drugs
 - Less group treatments (pigs, calves)
 - More selective dry cow treatment
 - Surprisingly fast and substantial effect on the occurrence of resistance in food-animals



Critical success factors were

- **Clear targets** defined by the authorities
- **Collaboration** of private animal production sectors and veterinary association, aimed at prudent use and transparency
- **Independent control** institute (SDa)
 - Benchmarking of farms and veterinarians
- National **AMR monitoring** program that facilitates to follow the trends

Is it sustainable?

- Yes, but it needs active ongoing policy to more sustainable animal husbandry systems and awareness in all stakeholders involved



Active ongoing policy

AMR monitoring program

Salmonella, 1998

E. coli, 1998

Enterococci, 1998

STEC, 1999

Campylobacter, 2000

Targeted

Human & animal

Major livestock species

Updated

ESBL in meat, 2006

Carbapenemase, since 2014

Colistin, since 2016

Basis for
(inter)national
policies



Second Health Council Report (Dec. 2015)

Policy to reduce usage has been effective, however

- Reduction stopped in 2015
- Need to remain aware/vigilant
- New emerging AMR targets of concern (CP and *mcr-1*)
- Companion animals
- Policy and research should focus at
 - Characterize AMR determinants and act on them
 - Increase attention for measures that are implemented

Last but not least

- Keep the focus at innovative livestock production systems (farms and chains)
- Sustainable, adequate infection control, biosecurity, health control and minimal antibiotic usage



Thank you for your
attention



**National Reference
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