



# Animal Welfare

## Tyson Policy on Steroids & Hormone Use

### Poultry

Federal law prohibits the use of added hormones or steroids in chicken or turkey. In accordance with federal law, we don't allow hormones or steroids to be administered to our chickens and turkeys raised by the independent farmers who grow for us.

### Hogs

Federal law also prohibits the use of added hormones or hormone growth promotants (HGP) in hog production. We require the hogs we purchase to be raised in accordance with federal law.

### Cattle

Federal law has recognized the role small amounts of hormones can have in making beef production more efficient and helping to keep beef affordable. Cattle farmers are allowed to utilize small amounts of hormones to increase lean weight gain rates in cattle. The FDA has set strict tolerance levels for these hormones, and the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture carefully monitors beef for hormone residues.

### Beta-Agonists

Some of the livestock producers who supply us use the government-approved feed supplement Ractopamine (also known as a "beta-agonist") to promote growth, improve feed efficiency and provide leaner meat. Government regulations outline the proper use of such animal health products. The USDA also routinely tests thousands of cattle and swine carcasses each year for residues, including beta-agonists. Ractopamine is not used in our poultry operations.