

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Letter to the Editor

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Dear Editor-in-Chief of AAS:

The October 2019 issue of AAS had an invited review by Fischer et al. (35:498–510). On page 501 the authors misapplied a value from the citation of Walker et al. (2012), stating that “. . .54% of cow-calf operations administer antibiotics to prevent illness.” The cited article actually was referring to dairy calf ranches, not beef breeding herds typically considered “cow-calf” operations. The 2 production systems differ significantly in conditions, health challenges, and industry scope, and few beef cow-calf herds would use antibiotics as a routine preventive strategy.

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