



Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc.

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To: Cattle Feeders
Subject: Animal Well Being

As you know, animal well-being is extremely important to our business. This is why we want to express our continued concerns about the receipt of cattle that become non-ambulatory or lame at some of our beef plants.

There have been recent instances of cattle delivered for processing that have difficulty walking or are unable to move. We do not know the specific cause of these problems, but some animal health experts have suggested that the use of the feed supplement Zilmax, also known as zilpaterol is one possible cause. Our evaluation of these problems is ongoing but as an interim measure we plan to suspend our purchases of cattle that have been fed Zilmax.

The purpose of this letter is to provide notice that within 30 days – or as of September 6 – we will no longer purchase cattle that have been fed Zilmax. This suspension will remain in effect until further notice.

This is not a food safety issue. It is about animal well-being and ensuring the proper treatment of the livestock we depend on to operate. If you have any questions, please contact your Tyson Fresh Meats cattle buyer.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Gerber".

John Gerber
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