

Chick-fil-A Abandons Long-Held Pledge

In an age when many have become hyperaware of the ingredients they put into their bodies, the Christian-owned Chick-fil-A announced in late March it is abandoning its years-long pledge of only using antibiotic-free chicken.

The decision was made, the restaurant chain said, in a statement shared on its website, to “maintain supply of the high-quality chicken you expect from us.”

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As a result, Chick-fil-A is amending its commitment from “No Antibiotics Ever (NAE)” in its chicken supply to “No Antibiotics Important To Human Medicine (NAIHM)” beginning this spring.

Antibiotics will only be used “if the animal and those around it were to become sick.” The medications used to treat poultry are not intended for humans.

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“In accordance with FDA requirements,” the Chick-fil-A statement continued, “all antibiotics must be cleared from the chicken’s system before it is considered available for the chicken supply. The United States Department of Agriculture audits and verifies that suppliers are meeting the requirements of the Chick-fil-A NAIHM commitment.”

According to USA Today, Chick-fil-A implemented its NAE pledge in 2014 and, by 2019, all of the restaurant’s locations were

serving 100% antibiotic-free chicken.{eoa}

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