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Finnish Veterinary Antimicrobial Resistance Monitoring and Consumption of Antimicrobial Agents



SUMMARY

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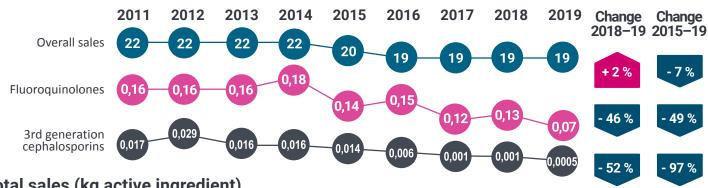




ANTIMICROBIALS FOR FOOD-PRODUCING ANIMALS

EU indicators (mg/PCU)

Overall sales of population adjusted veterinary antimicrobials in Finland is very low, despite increase of 2% compared to year 2018. Sales of reserve antimicrobials was also very low: decrease in sales of 3rd generation cephalosporins continued and sales of fluoroguinolones halved from 2018.



Total sales (kg active ingredient)

Total sales of veterinary antimicrobials have decreased markedly during this decade, but slightly increased in 2019.



2 %

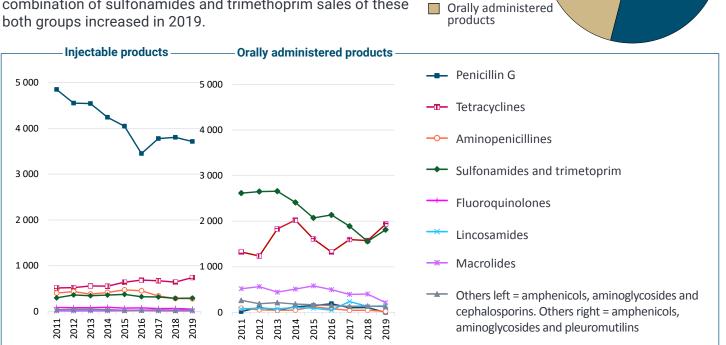
54 %

44 %

Injectables

Intramammaries

Over half of antimicrobials are administered as individual treatment to food-producing animals (injectables and intrammmaries). By far the most sold antimicrobial is injectable penicillin, though its sales have clearly decreased in 2010's. Next most sold are orally administered tetracyclines and the combination of sulfonamides and trimethoprim sales of these

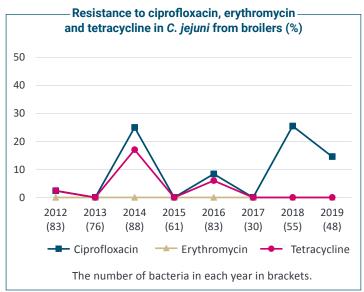


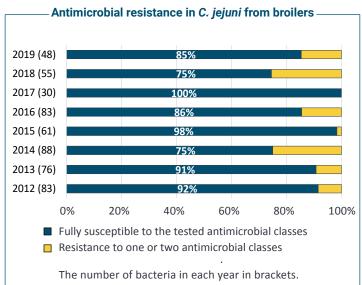
ZOONOTIC AND INDICATOR BACTERIA IN FOOD-PRODUCING ANIMALS



The majority of campylobacter isolates from the national control programme are fully susceptible to the tested antimicrobials.

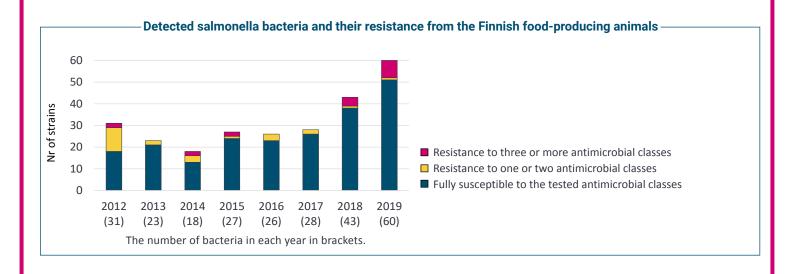
Resistance to quinolones and tetracycline has varied from 2014. Strains concurrently resistant to three or more antimicrobial classes (multidrug resistance) have not been detected.





Salmonella bacteria isolated from Finnish food-producing animals have mostly been susceptible to the tested antimicrobial classes.

In 2019, multiresistant monophasic *Salmonella Typhimurium* was discovered for the first time. This bacteria was found in two calf rearing units, one piglet producing farm and four pig fattening farms.

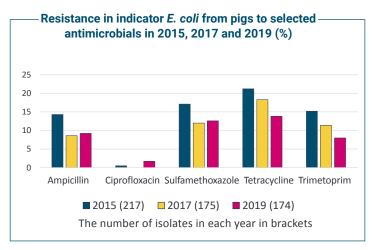


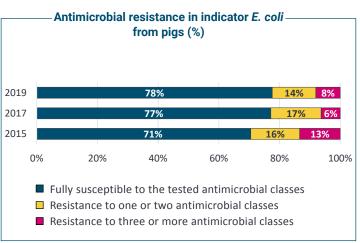
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The majority of indicator *E. coli* from pigs were fully susceptible to the tested antimicrobial classes.

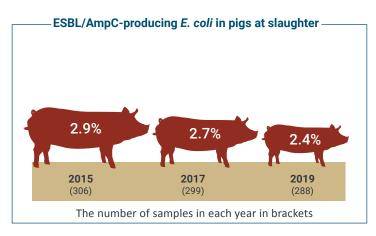
Resistance was mostly detected against tetracycline, sulfamethoxazole, ampicillin and trimethoprim. The proportion of multiresistant bacteria was 8 %.

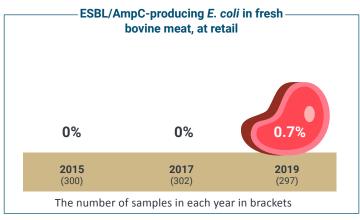


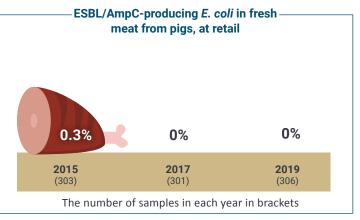


ESBL/AmpC-producing *E. coli* in pigs, pork and beef

The prevalence of ESBL- and AmpC-producing *E. coli* bacteria in pigs has been low (2–3%). AmpC has been the most prevalent enzyme type. ESBL/ AmpC findings have been rare in pork and beef samples taken at retail (<1%). Carbapenemase-producing *E. coli* have not been found.





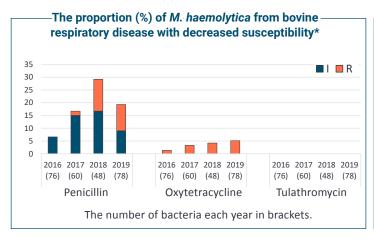


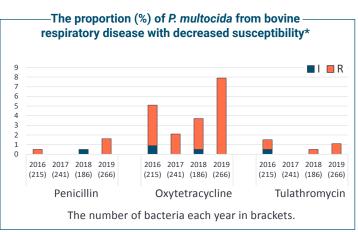
PATHOGENS IN FOOD-PRODUCING ANIMALS



Cattle

Among bovine respiratory pathogens, the antimicrobial susceptibilities of *Mannheimia haemolytica*, *Pasteurella multocida* and *Histophilus somni* bacteria isolated from diseased animals are reported. In *P. multocida*, oxytetracycline resistance seems to be increasing. In *M. haemolytica*, a trend towards increasing oxytetracycline resistance is seen, however, the proportion of isolates with decreased susceptibility to penicillin has decreased during 2019







Swine

Among swine pathogens, the antimicrobial susceptibilities of enterotoxigenic *E. coli*, *Brachyspira pilosicoli* and *Actinobacillus pleuropneumoniae* isolates from diseased animals

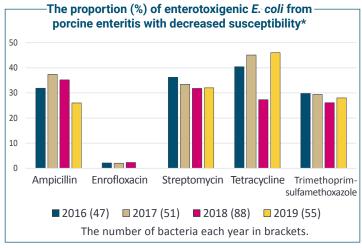
are reported. In *B. pilosicoli* and *A. pleuropneumoniae*, no significant changes were detected in 2019 compared to the previous years. In enterotoxigenic *E. coli*, resistance to several antimicrobials was common as in previous years: multidrug resistance was detected in 17 isolates from 12 farms. AmpC producing *E. coli* was detected in one farm but no ESBL-producers were detected.

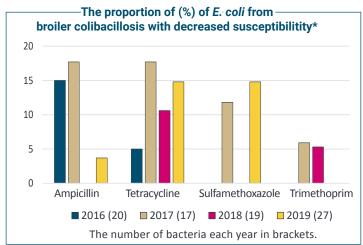


Broiler

Among poultry pathogens, the antimicrobial susceptibilities of *E. coli* from colibacillosis cases and *Staphylococcus aureus* from arthritis and tenosynovitis are reported. In 2019, no resistance

to the tested antimicrobials was detected in *S. aureus* strains when clinical breakpoints were applied. In *E. coli*, no resistance to fluoroquinolones or 3rd generation cephalosporins was detected.





^{*}Decreased susceptibility means that bacterial strains are phenotypically either resistant (R) or intermediately susceptible (I) to the antimicrobial in question according to clinical breakpoints.

COMPANION ANIMALS



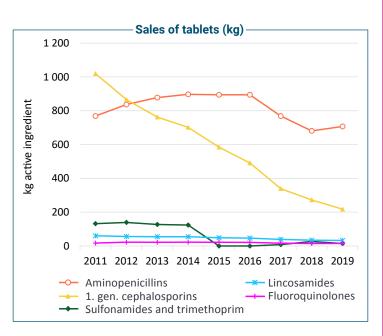
The number of dogs and cats

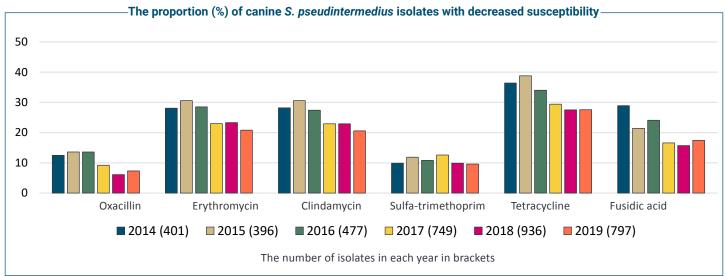
Statistics Finland estimated that there were 630 000 dogs and 592 000 cats in Finland in 2012. In the latest estimate year 2016 number of dogs was 630 000

and of cats 600 000.

Sales of tablets

Sales of tablets intended for companion animals have halved during the 2010's. Sales of 1st generation cephalosporins in 2019 were almost 80% less than in 2011. Sales of aminopenicillins and fluoroquinolones increased slightly in 2019.





Among *E. coli* in dogs, the proportion of ESBL findings has decreased steadily from 2015 and was only 0.9% in 2019.

