WHAT DOES RAISED WITHOUT ANTIBIOTICS MEAN?
Our delicious, rotisserie-style chicken is made from chicken that was not given antibiotics. This means that the animals did not get sick so no antibiotics were used during the raising of the animals.

WHAT DOES ANTIBIOTIC FREE MEAN?
By federal regulation all chicken, turkey and meat products served in the US are free of antibiotics. This means that if an animal received antibiotics during its life to treat, control or prevent disease, the antibiotic is no longer present at the time the meat is processed.

WHAT IS SUBWAY® RESTAURANTS’ COMMITMENT TO ANIMAL WELFARE?
We are committed to serving our customers safe, delicious, affordable, and sustainable food. We believe that safe food comes from healthy animals that are well cared for. We support the highest standards of animal welfare practices available as well as the advancements that come from continued scientific research. We fully support our suppliers’ commitment to animal well-being and their practice of the best animal welfare programs based on scientific research and the recommendations of animal welfare experts in the industry. We support the Five Freedoms principle proposed by the Farm Animal Welfare Council (FAWC) on the protection of animals kept for farming purposes. The five freedoms are:
- Freedom from hunger
- Freedom from discomfort
- Freedom from pain, injury and disease
- Freedom to express normal behaviors
- Freedom from fear and distress

WHAT HAPPENS IF AN ANIMAL GETS SICK?
We fully support good animal welfare practices and believe that sick animals should be treated appropriately so they do not suffer. Production animals that need to be treated with antibiotics will still go into the food supply but will not be included in SUBWAY® restaurants products.

WHAT IS SUBWAY® RESTAURANTS’ POLICY ON THE USE OF ANTIBIOTICS?
Our policy is that antibiotics can be used to treat, control and prevent disease, but not for growth promotion of farm animals. We recognize that antibiotics are a critical tool for keeping animals healthy and that they should be used responsibly to preserve their effectiveness in veterinary and human medicine. Nevertheless, we and our suppliers believe there is room for improvement, and as such are working to reduce and, over time, eliminate their use.

WHY DID SUBWAY® RESTAURANTS’ MAKE THE DECISION TO TRANSITION TO MEAT PRODUCTS FROM ANIMALS RAISED WITHOUT ANTIBIOTICS?
Today’s customers are redefining fresh and are looking for meat products from animals that were never given antibiotics. Our decision to transition to meat products from animals raised without antibiotics is the result of very careful consideration of what many of our customers are looking for and was done in partnership with our current suppliers.

HOW ARE SUBWAY® RESTAURANTS’ GOING TO TRANSITION TO MEAT PRODUCTS FROM ANIMALS THAT ARE RAISED WITHOUT ANTIBIOTICS?
Our goal is to reduce and eliminate the use of antibiotics in the food we serve. Elimination of antibiotic use in our supply chain will take a significant amount of time and effort, but we are working diligently with our suppliers to find solutions that also ensure our high safety and quality standards are upheld and not compromised in any way. We know our suppliers are committed to make this transition while working with the industry to find alternative ways to keep animals healthy. Our plan is to eliminate the use of antibiotics in phases with the initial focus on the poultry products that we serve in the U.S. – starting with our new, great tasting rotisserie-style chicken and chicken strips.

WHEN WILL SUBWAY® RESTAURANTS MEAT PRODUCTS COME FROM ANIMALS RAISED WITHOUT ANTIBIOTICS?
We are in the process of transitioning to chicken products made from chicken raised without antibiotics and expect this transition to be completed by the end of 2016. In addition, turkey products made from turkeys raised without antibiotics will be introduced in 2016. The transition is expected to take 2-3 years. Supply of pork and beef products from animals raised without antibiotics in the U.S. is extremely limited. We expect our transition to take place by 2025.