FIGURE 3: MEDICALLY IMPORTANT ANTIBIOTICS FOR PIG PRODUCTION (mg/kg) IN THE U.S., CANADA AND SELECT E.U. COUNTRIES

Source: Figure 3 is based on two tables found on the NRDC website, at https://www.nrdc.org/resources/better-bacon-why-its-high-time-us-pork-industry-stopped-pigging-out-antibiotics. Table 1 shows the mg/kg calculation for the United States, and describes the sources for the underlying data on sales of medically important antibiotics for pig production, as well as data on the numbers of slaughtered pigs and breeding sows. Table 2 provides similar calculations for Canada as well as for European Union members included on Figure 3. Refer to the two tables as well for important caveats to the analysis, including some variation between the countries in the years for which data are available to derive the numerator and denominator in the mg/kg calculation.