

## 6. HOW TO ANSWER THE INITIAL QUESTIONS ON THE ANTIBIOTIC USAGE BENCHMARK TOOL

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The Antibiotic Usage Benchmark Tool will start by asking the following questions, please read this key information to answer them correctly:

1. Which Dairy Management System is used by the farm?
  - Select Dairy Comp 305 if you are using DC305 or BoviSync
  - Select PCDART if you are using PCDART
  - If you select "other" the tool can't be used.
  - If you select "NO electronic records available" the tool can't be used

Select one option and click on "Next page."

2. For which age group would you like to analyze the antibiotic used in the last year?
  - Adult cows (lactating and dry cows)
  - Pre-weaned calves (less than 60 days old)

Please note that each age group will take around 60 minutes, so plan accordingly. Select one or multiple and click on "Next page."

3. Have you recorded in your herd management program at least 90% of the antibiotic treatments for the age group(s) selected above for the last year?
  - Yes
  - No

Note that if you have not recorded at least 90% of your antibiotic usage the tool won't be able to estimate the real antibiotic usage in the last year. Select one and click on "Next page."

4. Is this the first time you are analyzing antibiotic usage for this dairy farm?
  - Yes – You will be asked for the name of the farm, state where is located, total number of adult cows and pre-weaned calves.
  - No- You will select from a drop-down menu the name of the dairy farm and enter the current farm size. Note: The name of the farm is for your use only. It will not be visible to anybody.