

AUSTRALIAN SCIENTISTS PROVE FARMERS RIGHT ON ANTIBIOTIC RASPBERRY

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SYDNEY - Australian scientists were cited as reporting Thursday that raspberry fruit juice can kill the virulent bacteria that causes gastroenteritis. Dr Heather Cavanagh was cited as saying that experiments with pure raspberry juice and commercial cordials at Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga, southern New South Wales, have shown the farmers' remedy has scientific validity. The story explains that Scots-born Cavanagh and Dr Jenny Wilkinson from the school of biomedical sciences found that concentrated raspberry juice kills E. Coli, salmonella, mycobacterium and staphylococci among other bugs. Cavanagh was cited as saying she was surprised to find that Australian cattle and pig farmers routinely use raspberry cordial to prevent gastric outbreaks in their animals, adding, "Apparently when their cows start to develop gastroenteritis, instead of calling the vet, farmers just tip a couple of litres of raspberry cordial into the trough. I also had a call from a pig farmer who claims the mortality in his piglets dropped from 40 per cent to zero by using cordial."