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Comments on FSIS current thinking on BSE
January 19th, 2002.

After reading your new report on the USDA website you missed some information.

I question if there is not a risk of BSE from collagen casings used in various types of sausage production. If BSE is a prion or virino it could be passed onto Americans through collagen casings.

The beef skin under the hide is used for making casings which are used over here in the USA. There is BSE in Japan and many collagen casings come from Japan.

Second, it is a fact that there is CDW and TSE in the United States. Why is Harvard University and some in the USDA so quick to deny that BSE could be here too? We know that American citizens do die of very similar brain diseases to CJD.

Third, it is a fact that people do eat canned dog/cat food. Cow brains and spines are in that product.

Best Regards,



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