

FSIS Docket Clerk

2/12/04

Comments on downer cows

139

Dear Sirs,

RECEIVED
FSIS DOCKET ROOM
FEB 17 PM 4:40

The fact that an animal is down does not determine the health of the animal. Condemning all down animals will only increase the temptation for violators to sell uninspected meat.

Certain plants that can prove that they can handle down animals humanely should be permitted to do so. If Lab tests are needed animals should be held until tests return. I do not believe it wise or right to punish those who have healthy animals that go down because of one "mad cow"

John Vander Boon
1240 Grand River Dr.
Ada, Mi 49301