

RE: Docket Number 03-0251F

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TO whom It May Concern,

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I am writing to express strong  
the USDA's proposed rule to prohibit  
downer cattle in the human food supply  
and to require that these animals be  
humanely euthanized. I was shocked and  
appalled to learn ~~that~~ that these sick  
and injured animals were being used for  
food in the first place.

I urge you to publish a final rule  
banning all downed cattle, those  
unable to stand or walk, in the food  
supply. Furthermore, please ban downed  
pigs, goats, sheep and equine. Just as  
cattle are more likely to carry "mad cow  
disease" these downed species are more  
likely to be afflicted with scrapies or  
other neurological disorders.

Marketing and slaughtering downed animals  
is irresponsible and cruel - to both human  
and animal!! The practice

has to be prohibited, There is  
absolutely no need, reason or excuse  
to continue.

Thank you, Sincerely, in advance  
for the change!

Leslie Siegel  
Jupiter, Florida