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USDA Food Safety & Inspection Service
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RE: Downed Animals

Please include all farm animals in the ban on downers; non-ambulatory pigs, sheep and other animals suffer as much as cows.

Also, all diseased and disabled animals regardless of their species can pose a serious threat to human health.

Most importantly, it's implicit that your service regulate euthanasia of non-ambulatory animals immediately upon discovery at stockyards, slaughterhouses and other facilities.

Sincerely
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