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RE: Downed animals as food source

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Dear USDA Food Inspection Dept. Staff

We ask that all downed animals, not just cattle, be eliminated as sources of human food and that they be humanely euthanised instead of dragged to slaughter.

The BSE incident was a wake-up call to the USDA to better protect the human food supply. If csttle can transmit dangerous diseases to humans, it is reasonable to believe that pigs, sheep and chickens can also infect us. Infact the recent Avian virus that killed people in China and affected chickens here prooves that any food species is capable of transmitting diseases to humans as pathogens often mutate and jump to other species.

A written reply regarding this important issue would be most appreciated.

Respectfully yours,  
The Weintraub family

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