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Would you please consider? :

We are a small USDA inspected meat plant # 10176 caught up with the BSE (mad cow) disease that the Sec. of Agr Mrs Veneman placed a ban on All downers delivered to inspected facilities. We fully agree & support All Sick downers or out of condition downers, however this blanket coverage is a bit much. The livestock industry has in the past, present and future experienced accidents same as with humans and a broken leg, slippery conditions causing split outs, Colic, problem promptly handled do not demand condemning the carcasses.

Presently we are not allowed to slaughter & process the animals for human consumption. However custom exam plants have found a whole "New Industry" and are doing the job in large amounts. I see a real problem with good trained USDA inspectors are not allowed to inspect a fresh damaged animal in sanitary inspected facility.

where the Carcasses would go back to Grower
or Charity) at No Charge. This is a bad Waste
of Protein and puts land fill at risk.

IN THE past for over 35 years we do NOT ever purchase
any form of "Downers", however those broken up
Animals were allowed to go home with owners
This was a good System in my opinion, and
Provided a lot of families with good Holstein stock.

Sincerely

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