

---

**From:** Lori Smith [laslori@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 08, 2006 1:58 PM  
**To:** FSIS RegulationsComments  
**Subject:** Feedback on Paying for USDA Inspections

To: USDA  
From: Lori Smith, Southlake, TX  
Date: February 8, 2006  
Re: Inpsctions For Horse Processing

Thank you for providing an easy way for the public to provide feedback on this issue.

I fully support the USDA's decision to continue to allow the plants to humanely slaughter the horses and process them for meat consumption. I also fully support the USDA's decision to allow the horse processing plants to pay for the pre-slaughter inspections by the Agriculture Department.

Thank you for dealing with this issue in a reasoned manner.

The Humane Society and other groups proposing a ban on humane horse slaughtering for human consumption have misplaced priorities. Perhaps attorneys in need of income have created a perception in some minds that slaughtering horses is somehow less humane than cattle or chickens. I hope those that are fighting the humane slaughter of horses will decide instead to invest their energy, time, and money in a noble cause, such fighting world hunger, human trafficking, or genocide.

Sincerely,

Lori Smith