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Dear Sirs:

I am writing in regard to Ref. Number "03-025IF".
I am a dairy farmer from Franklin County, PA..
We try our best to be successful and a large
part of that has to do with management. From
time to time there are things that happen that
seem to be beyond our control in the dairy industry.
We are thankful that we have been spared any
of the experiences of downer cows since the ban
was imposed in December of 2003. Had we had
any downer cows since the ban went into effect,
we would have lost hundreds of dollars, being only
able to send them for rendering. After spending
much in veterinary cost on downer cows that don't
respond to treatment, it is nice to be able to recoupe
some of our expense instead of paying another \$35.
to have a dead (shot) animal removed. Cows
with acute injuries should not be considered
likely suspects for BSE. Please reply, Thank You

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