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FSIS Docket Clerk
Docket 03-025IF
Room 102, Cotton Annex
300 12th and C Street SW.
Washington, DC 20250-3700

To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for taking emergency measures to ban the slaughter of downed cattle for human consumption.

Please make the ban permanent, and expand it to include all downed animals — sheep, pigs and other livestock, as well as all downed cattle — in the final ban.

Additionally, please add a requirement that all downed animals be humanely euthanized immediately, wherever they become downed.

I understand that the USDA is under pressure from agribusiness lobbyists but banning the slaughter of downed farm animals for food is in the interests of the public's safety.

Respectfully,
Jane Leighton Shakman