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800 Draper
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I want to thank your agency for its emergency measures to ban the slaughter of downed cattle for human consumption. I am asking your agency to make the ban permanent and to include all downed animals - sheep, pigs and other livestock, as well as cattle in the final ban.

I am a fourth generation farmer, and I have always felt strongly that the USDA ^{needs} add a requirement that all downed animals be humanely euthanized immediately, whenever they become downed.

Empathy is still an admirable trait.

Thank you -
Barbara Cosner Little