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To USDA,

I am appalled that USDA had been approving downed animals for human food, and I am writing in strong support for the USDA's new policy to ban downed cows from the human food supply. These animals should be humanely euthanized.

I urge you to publish a final rule banning the use of all downed cattle, those unable to stand, for human food and to require such animals to be humanely euthanized. I further urge you to include other species, such as pigs and sheep, in the downer ban. Just as downed cattle are more likely to be afflicted with neurological diseases, sheep, pigs and other animal species too sick to stand are more likely to harbor scrapie or other CNS disorders.

Marketing downed animals for human food is inhumane and irresponsible, and the practice should be prohibited. Thank you for taking these comments into consideration.

Sincerely,

Alana Brooks

