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Docket 03-0251F  
Room 102, Cotton Annex  
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Dear USDA:

I strongly support the USDA's proposed rule to prohibit downer cattle in the human food supply and to require that these animals *be humanely euthanized*.

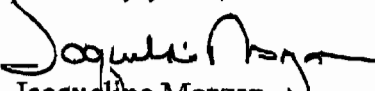
I am stunned that downed animals have been allowed to be used for food in the past.

Please – I urge you to ban all downed pigs, sheep, goats, and equine species from being used for human food. Just as downer cattle are more likely to have mad cow disease, downed sheep, pigs and other species are more likely to be afflicted with neurological disorders.

Marketing and slaughtering downed animals for human food is cruel and irresponsible, and the practice must be prohibited.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely yours,

  
Jacqueline Morgan