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## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Being a licensed livestock dealer I have never seen so many down animals laying around and suffering outside for weeks. The producer before used to get paid for a downer, now the producer has to pay to get rid of them or they have to pull it in the back woods and let it decay. I sure hope its not close to a river or stream!

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