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USDA Food Safety Inspection Service
Docket 03-0251F
Room 102, Cotton Annex
300 12th and C Street S.W.
Washington, DC 20250-3700

Dear Sir or Madam,

The new policy banning downed cattle is woefully inadequate. Please include **all** farm animals in the ban on downers. Sick and injured pigs, sheep, goats, and other animals suffer just as much as cattle. All diseased and disabled animals, regardless of species, can pose serious threats to human health.

The USDA must explicitly require the humane euthanasia of downed animals immediately upon their discovery at stockyards, slaughterhouses, and other facilities.

Respectfully yours,



Lisa LeFort



Chris Radlinski