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US FDA:

Please stop permitting the slaughter of downed animals
Sick animals should not be permitted to enter the human
food supply.

Recent events in Europe show that the bovine spongiform
encephalopathy (BSE) epidemic is far from over
and there are indications such as mink fed on
"downer" cows developing a similar transmissible encephalopathy
(TSE) that link these cows to BSE or a closely related
syndrome.

The disease is already occurring in wild deer and
elk and squirrels as well as in a number of zoo
animals of various species whose feed incorporated
the corpses of downer cows.

It is essential that Americans be protected from all TSEs.

In addition, many of us are appalled at the
way downer cows are painfully dragged over
pavement or bare ground. These animals should
be put down at their place of origin and never
transported anywhere.

You have done well to alert the public to the
danger of salmonella in poultry and eggs.
Now, please protect us from the dangers of
TSEs in downed animals.

Sincerely,

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