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Re: Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1

I urge you to grant the Farm Sanctuary's petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. These injured or sick animals should not be allowed to enter the human food chain. There is some evidence that downed animals may be afflicted with a form of BSE or "Mad Cow Disease," besides posing an increased risk for bacterial contamination.

It is almost impossible to move downed animals humanely, and they are typically dragged with chains or pushed with tractors thereby increasing their pain and anguish.

Downed animals comprise a very small percentage of animals slaughtered and prohibiting their marketing will cause no undue economic hardship. AND, through better care and handling, the number of downed animals should decrease. Removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive for the meat industry to prevent downed animals in the first place.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

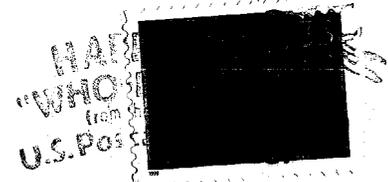


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