

Dear USDA,

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Please grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

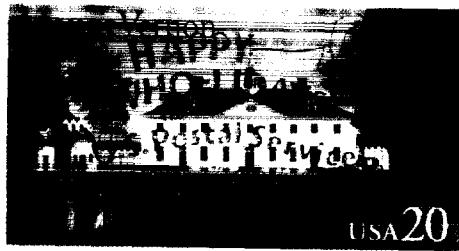
Animals who are too sick or injured even to stand should not be allowed to enter the human food chain. In addition to posing an increased risk for bacterial contamination, there is evidence that some downed animals may be afflicted with a form of bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (Mad Cow Disease), a disease which has been linked to a fatal human illness - Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease. It is irresponsible to move downed animals humanely, & they are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains - inhumane processes which cause injuries ranging from bruises & abrasions, to broken bones & torn ligaments. Downed animals comprise a very small percentage of animals slaughtered, and prohibiting their marketing will cause no undue economic hardship.

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