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Downers that 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 BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy or Mad Cow Disease) a disease which has been linked to a fatal human illness CID or Creutzfelds-Jacob disease.

It is impossible to move downed animals humanely and they are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains - inhumane processes which cause injuries ranging from bruises and abrasions to broken bones and torn ligaments. I wish we had enlarged people there.

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Thank You

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