

RE: Docket 98P-0151/CPI

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U.S. Food & Drug Administration
Dockets Management Branch
5600 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MO 20785

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your recent review and revision of your policy regarding purchase of ground beef for the National School Lunch and other federal food and nutrition programs, a major step to end the "downed animal" trade.

The marketing and slaughter of "downed" animals causes hideous and unjustifiable waste and suffering of animals, and is a health hazard to human consumers. Measures to prevent injury of animals in transport and slaughter are urgently needed. Your move should be followed by prohibition of all slaughter and marketing of "downed" animals; and we urge you to grant the Farm Sanctuary's petition bring this source of suffering to an end.

Please give this matter your earnest consideration.

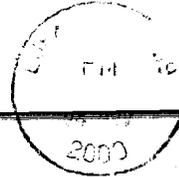
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