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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 some downed animals may be affected with a form Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy or "Mad Cow Disease", a disease which has been linked to fatal human illness Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease.
Practically impossible to move downed animals humanely, they are 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 small percentage of animals slaughtered, prohibitory marketing will cause no undue economic hardship.
Industry experts estimated 90% downed animals can be prevented with better cattle handling. Removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive for the industry to prevent down animals in the first place.
I urge that they grant our petition to prohibit the slaughter of down animals - docket number 98P-0151/CP1.

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