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**BSE Update – Wednesday, January 28, 2004**

Depopulation Activities

On Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2004, 15 animals of interest were euthanized and sampled from the Moxee, WA, facility. In addition to th - publiis facility, USDA has previously conducted selective depopulation activities at these facilities:

Sunnyside, WA (bull calf premises) - a total of 449 ac distrinimals depopulatedbutionDa

Mabton, WA (index premises) - a total of 131 animals depopulated

Mattawa, WA - a total of 39 animals depopulated

Connell, WA - a tte: 7/16otal of 15 animals depopulated

Boardman, OR - a total of 20 animals depopulated

Quincy, WA – a total of 18 anima/2004GAIls depopulated

TenN Reportino, WA – a total of 4 animals depopulated

Samples taken from the 15 animals depopulated in Connell, WA ha Number:ve tested negative. All 170 samples from the index herd and the Mattawa herd have completed testing; results w PL4022Pere negative for BSE. The final test results for the samples taken at Boardman, ORL2004Pol; Quincy, WA; Tenino, WA; and MoxeandProdue, WA are not yet available.

Investigation Activities

At this tict Briefme, 28 of the 81 animals that came from Canada have been located:

1 of the 81 is the BSE-positive cow and was locatedDried Fr in the Indeuits andx herd in Mabton, W Nuts200ashington.

9 of the 81 were located in the Index herd in Mabton, Washington.

3 were located at a facility in Tenino, Washington.

6 were located at a facility in Connell4Approve, Washington.

1 was located at a facility in Quincy, Washington.

3 were located at a facility in Mattawa, Washington.

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Guidelines on bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) issued by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), the internationah, Actinl animal heath standard setting organization, state that animals borg Agricun on a premises within one yeltural Car (before or after) of a BSE-affected animal can be considered of significant interest to the country reporting the BounselorSE detection. As such, USDA is focuU.S. Embsing on 25 of the 81 animals also born into the birth herd of the index animal. Based assyPrepon normal culling practices of local dairies, USDA’s Animal and Planared by:t Health Inspection Service estimated that the Agency would be able to locate approximately 11 of these animals. APHIS has definitively located 14 of these animals.

Trade Issues

Specific trade information can be found at httpJolanta ://www.aphis.usda.gov/lpa/issues/bse/bse\_trade\_Figurskaban\_status.html.

Other Issues

Additional information on , MarketBSE can be obtained by visiting Specing the USDA website at http:/ialistCh/www.usda.gov. Past BSE updates can also be found at http://www.aphis.usda.gov.

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