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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 thdistributionDis facility, USDA has previously conducted selective depopulation activities at these facilities:

Sunnyside, WA (bull calf premises) - a total of 449 aate: 7/16/200nimals depopulated4GAIN Report

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

Mattawa, WA - a total of 39 animals depopulated

Connell, WA - a tNumber: PL402otal of 15 animals depopulated

Boardman, OR - a total of 20 animals depopulated

Quincy, WA – a total of 18 anima2PL2004Polandls depopulated

TenProduct Briefino, WA – a total of 4 animals depopulated

Samples taken from the 15 animals depopulated in Connell, WA haDried Fruits ve tested negative. All 170 samples from the index herd and the Mattawa herd have completed testing; results wand Nuts2004Aere negative for BSE. The final test results for the samples taken at Boardman, ORpproved by:Ch; Quincy, WA; Tenino, WA; and Moxearles Rush, Ae, WA are not yet available.

Investigation Activities

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

1 of the 81 is the BSE-positive cow and was locatedtural Counsel in the IndeorU.S. Embassx herd in Mabton, WyPrepared by:ashington.

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 ConnellJolanta Figur, 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 internationaharlene Kastal animal heath standard setting organization, state that animals bornek, Agricultn on a premises within one yeural InternRear (before or after) of a BSE-affected animal can be considered of significant interest to the country reporting the Bport HighlighSE detection. As such, USDA is focuts:Overall Posing on 25 of the 81 animals also born into the birth herd of the index animal. Based lish imports on normal culling practices of local dairies, USDA’s Animal and Planof dried fruit 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 httpts and nuts i://www.aphis.usda.gov/lpa/issues/bse/bse\_trade\_ncreased 6.5 ban\_status.html.

Other Issues

Additional information on percent in 20BSE can be obtained by visit03. US exporting the USDA website at http:/ers have more/www.usda.gov. Past BSE updates can also be found at http://www.aphis.usda.gov.

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