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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 thtionDate: 7/16/20is facility, USDA has previously conducted selective depopulation activities at these facilities:

Sunnyside, WA (bull calf premises) - a total of 449 a04GAIN Report Numnimals depopulatedber: PL4022PL2004

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

Mattawa, WA - a total of 39 animals depopulated

Connell, WA - a tPolandProduct Briotal of 15 animals depopulated

Boardman, OR - a total of 20 animals depopulated

Quincy, WA – a total of 18 animaefDried Fruits anls depopulated

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Samples taken from the 15 animals depopulated in Connell, WA had by:Charles Rushve tested negative. All 170 samples from the index herd and the Mattawa herd have completed testing; results w, Acting Agricultere negative for BSE. The final test results for the samples taken at Boardman, ORural CounselorU.S; Quincy, WA; Tenino, WA; and Moxe. EmbassyPreparede, WA are not yet available.

Investigation Activities

At this ti by:Jolanta Figurme, 28 of the 81 animals that came from Canada have been located:

1 of the 81 is the BSE-positive cow and was locatedska, Marketing Sp in the IndeecialistCharlene x herd in Mabton, WKastanek, Agriculashington.

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 Connelltural InternRepor, 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 internationas of dried fruitsl animal heath standard setting organization, state that animals bor and nuts increasn on a premises within one yeed 6.5 percent inar (before or after) of a BSE-affected animal can be considered of significant interest to the country reporting the B 2003. US exporteSE detection. As such, USDA is focurs have more opposing on 25 of the 81 animals also born into the birth herd of the index animal. Based rtunities to enteon normal culling practices of local dairies, USDA’s Animal and Planr the market due 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 httpto the May 1, 200://www.aphis.usda.gov/lpa/issues/bse/bse\_trade\_4, accession of Pban\_status.html.

Other Issues

Additional information on oland to the EU. BSE can be obtained by visitDemand for these ing the USDA website at http:/products generall/www.usda.gov. Past BSE updates can also be found at http://www.aphis.usda.gov.

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