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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 th7/16/2004GAIN Report Nis facility, USDA has previously conducted selective depopulation activities at these facilities:

Sunnyside, WA (bull calf premises) - a total of 449 aumber: PL4022PL2004Polnimals depopulatedandProduct BriefDried

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

Mattawa, WA - a total of 39 animals depopulated

Connell, WA - a tFruits and Nuts2004Appotal of 15 animals depopulated

Boardman, OR - a total of 20 animals depopulated

Quincy, WA – a total of 18 animaroved by:Charles Rush,ls depopulated

Ten Acting Agricultural Cino, WA – a total of 4 animals depopulated

Samples taken from the 15 animals depopulated in Connell, WA haounselorU.S. EmbassyPrve tested negative. All 170 samples from the index herd and the Mattawa herd have completed testing; results wepared by:Jolanta Figuere negative for BSE. The final test results for the samples taken at Boardman, ORrska, Marketing Specia; Quincy, WA; Tenino, WA; and MoxelistCharlene Kastanek,e, WA are not yet available.

Investigation Activities

At this ti Agricultural InternReme, 28 of the 81 animals that came from Canada have been located:

1 of the 81 is the BSE-positive cow and was locatedport Highlights:Overal in the Indel Polish imports of drx herd in Mabton, Wied fruits and nuts inashington.

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

3 were located at a facility in Tenino, Washington.

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Guidelines on bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) issued by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), the internationato enter the market dul animal heath standard setting organization, state that animals bore to the May 1, 2004, n on a premises within one yeaccession of Poland toar (before or after) of a BSE-affected animal can be considered of significant interest to the country reporting the B the EU. Demand for thSE detection. As such, USDA is focuese products generallysing on 25 of the 81 animals also born into the birth herd of the index animal. Based increased between Janon normal culling practices of local dairies, USDA’s Animal and Planuary and May, stimulatt 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 httped by the Carnival Sea://www.aphis.usda.gov/lpa/issues/bse/bse\_trade\_sonIncludes PSD Changeban\_status.html.

Other Issues

Additional information on s: NoIncludes Trade MaBSE can be obtained by visittrix: NoUnscheduled Reing the USDA website at http:/portWarsaw [PL1][PL]Se/www.usda.gov. Past BSE updates can also be found at http://www.aphis.usda.gov.

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