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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 thE TO AMEND PARTis facility, USDA has previously conducted selective depopulation activities at these facilities:

Sunnyside, WA (bull calf premises) - a total of 449 a II, CHATTANOOGnimals depopulatedA CITY CODE, CH

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

Mattawa, WA - a total of 39 animals depopulated

Connell, WA - a tAPTER 18, ARTICotal of 15 animals depopulated

Boardman, OR - a total of 20 animals depopulated

Quincy, WA – a total of 18 animaLE VII, SECTIONls depopulated

Ten 18-123(h); CHAino, WA – a total of 4 animals depopulated

Samples taken from the 15 animals depopulated in Connell, WA haPTER 21, ARTICLve tested negative. All 170 samples from the index herd and the Mattawa herd have completed testing; results wE I, SECTIONS 2ere negative for BSE. The final test results for the samples taken at Boardman, OR1-1 THROUGH 21-; Quincy, WA; Tenino, WA; and Moxe25; CHAPTER 21,e, WA are not yet available.

Investigation Activities

At this ti ARTICLE II, SEme, 28 of the 81 animals that came from Canada have been located:

1 of the 81 is the BSE-positive cow and was locatedCTIONS 21-26, 2 in the Inde1-28, 21-30; CHx herd in Mabton, WAPTER 21, ARTICashington.

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 ConnellLE III, SECTION, Washington.

1 was located at a facility in Quincy, Washington.

3 were located at a facility in Mattawa, Washington.

1 was located at a facility in Moxee, Washington.

3 are located at a facility in Burley, Idaho.

1 is located at a faciliS 21-36 AND 21-ty in Othello, Washington40; CHAPTER 21,.

Guidelines on bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) issued by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), the internationa ARTICLE VII, Sl animal heath standard setting organization, state that animals borECTIONS 21-101 n on a premises within one yeAND 21-123; CHAar (before or after) of a BSE-affected animal can be considered of significant interest to the country reporting the BPTER 24, ARTICLSE detection. As such, USDA is focuE X, DIV. 3, SEsing on 25 of the 81 animals also born into the birth herd of the index animal. Based CTIONS 24-341(con normal culling practices of local dairies, USDA’s Animal and Plan) AND 24-345(c)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 http; CHAPTER 31, A://www.aphis.usda.gov/lpa/issues/bse/bse\_trade\_RTICLE I, SECTIban\_status.html.

Other Issues

Additional information on ON 31-2(b); ANDBSE can be obtained by visit CHAPTER 32, ARing the USDA website at http:/TICLE VIII, SEC/www.usda.gov. Past BSE updates can also be found at http://www.aphis.usda.gov.

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