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

Sunnyside, WA (bull calf premises) - a total of 449 animals depopulated

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

Mattawa, WA - a total of 39 animals depopulated

Connell, WA - a total of 15 animals depopulated

Boardman, OR - a total of 20 animals depopulated

Quincy, WA – a total of 18 animals depopulated

Tenino, WA – a total of 4 animals depopulated

Samples taken from the 15 animals depopulated in Connell, WA have tested negative. All 170 samples from the index herd and the Mattawa herd have completed testing; results were negative for BSE. The final test results for the samples taken at Boardman, OR; Quincy, WA; Tenino, WA; and Moxee, WA are not yet available.

Investigation Activities

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

1 of the 81 is the BSE-positive cow and was located in the Index herd in Mabton, Washington.

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 Connell, 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 facility in Othello, Washington.

Guidelines on bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) issued by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), the international animal heath standard setting organization, state that animals born on a premises within one year (before or after) of a BSE-affected ORDINANCE NO. 11345AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART II, CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE VII, SECTION 18-123(h); CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE I, SECTIONS 21-1 THROUGH 21-25; CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE II, SECTIONS 21-26, 21-28, 21-30; CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE III, SECTIONS 21-36 AND 21-40; CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 21-101 AND 21-123; CHAPTER 24, ARTICLE X, DIV. 3, SECTIONS 24-341(c) AND 24-345(c); CHAPTER 31, ARTICLE I, SECTION 31-2(b); AND CHAPTER 32, ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 32-174, RELATIVE TO NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_WHEREAS, T.C.A. §§13-21-101 through 13-21-208, power is conferred on municipalities to exercise their police powers to repair, close or demolish certain unfit, dilapidated, defective, unsafe or unsanitary dangerous structures in the manner therein provided; andWHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Chattanooga finds that there exists in Chattanooga structures which are unfit for human occupation or use due to dilapidation, defects increasing the hazards of fire, accident or other calamities, lack of ventilation, light or sanitary facilities, and due to other conditions rendering such structures unsafe or unsanitary, or dangerous or detrimental to the health, safety or morals, or otherwise inimical to the welfare of the residents of Chattanooga;NOW, animal can be considered of significant interest to the country reporting THEREFORE,BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, as follows:SECTION 1. That Chattanooga City Code, Part II, Chapter 18, Article VII, Section 18-123(h) is amended by deleting “Better Housing Commission” and replacing in lieu thereof “Public Officer of the Department of Neighborhood Services”.SECTION 2.That Chattanooga City Code Part II, Chapter 21, Article I, Sections 21-1 through 21-25 be and is hereby amended by deleting the same in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:Sec. 21-1.Scope.The provisions of this code shall apply to all existing residential and nonresidential structures and all existing premises and constitutes minimum requirements and standards for premises, structures, equipment, and facilities for light, ventilation, space, heating, sanitation, protection from the elements, life safety, safety from fire and other hazards, and for safe and sanitary maintenance; the responsibility of owners, operators and occupants; the occupancy of existing structures and premises, and for administration, enforcement and penalties.This code shall be construed to secure its expressed intent, which is to ensure public health, safety and welfare insofar as they are affected by the continued occupancy and maintenance of structures and premises. Existing strthe BSE detection. As such, USDA is focusing on 25 of the 81 animals also born into the birth herd of the index animal. Based on normal culling practices of local dairies, USDA’s Animal and Plant 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://www.aphis.usda.gov/lpa/issues/bse/bse\_trade\_ban\_status.html.

Other Issues

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

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