

## BSE CASE CONFIRMED IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

OTTAWA, November 17, 2008 - The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has confirmed bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) in a seven-year-old dairy cow from British Columbia. No part of the animal's carcass entered the human food or animal feed systems.

The animal's birth farm has been identified, and an investigation is underway. The CFIA is tracing the animal's herd mates at the time of birth and examining possible sources of infection. The age and location of the infected animal are consistent with previous cases detected in Canada.

This case was detected through the national BSE surveillance program, which has been highly successful in demonstrating the low level of BSE in Canada. The program continues to play an important role in Canada's strategy to manage BSE.

Canada remains a Controlled Risk country for BSE, as recognized by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE). Accordingly, this case should not affect exports of Canadian cattle or beef.

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<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/anima/heasan/disemala/bseesb/bccb2008/15notavie.shtml>

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The information on Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) in North America has been updated.

The following items have been updated:

- BSE Case Confirmed in British Columbia  
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Les renseignements concernant l'encéphalopathie spongiforme bovine (ESB) en Amérique du Nord ont été mis à jour.

plus particulièrement les points suivants :

- Cas d' ESB confirmé en Colombie-Britannique  
<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/francais/anima/heasan/disemala/bseesb/bccb2008/15notavif.shtml>

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