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Agriculture is to strengthen and advance
Colorado's agricultural industry; ensure a safe,
high quality, and sustainable food supply; and
protect the consumers, environment, and natural
resources.**



BSE Prevention Inspections

(Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy)

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Cattle with BSE, commonly referred to as “Mad Cow Disease,” display behavioral, gait and postural abnormalities. As the disease progresses the affected animals stumble, fall and eventually cannot stand up. There is no cure or treatment for this disease and it kills 100% of its victims.

The Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA) performs BSE prevention inspections to determine compliance with *Animal Proteins Prohibited in Ruminant Feed*, a.k.a. the federal “BSE Rule.” This rule prohibits the feeding of certain mammalian protein material to ruminants such as cattle and sheep. The rule and other information can be found at www.fda.gov/cvm/bsetoc.

CDA inspectors, commissioned by the FDA, inspect renderers, feed manufacturers, feeders, mixers, distributors, transporters and retailers.

INSPECTIONS

An inspection takes 2- 4 hours and includes education about the BSE Rule. Records of feed and ingredients are reviewed, and the facility’s feed handling areas are inspected. If the inspection was conducted under FDA authority, a report will be mailed from the FDA Denver District Office after the inspection report has been completed.

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RECORDS

The following records may be requested for all inspections:

- List of ingredients used in any feed and on-farm manufacturing
- Copies of any feed labels or invoices for feeds purchased or sold to other operations
- List of suppliers and transporters for bulk ingredients and feeds
- Written clean-out procedures if prohibited material is used at mixed species operations
- Sales records of feeds with prohibited material if the feed is being sold (e.g. feeds sold to swine or poultry operations) or at retail
- Written procedures for segregating Cattle Material Prohibited in Animal Feed (CMPAF) if these materials are used

FACILITIES

The inspector takes appropriate bio-security measures and may inspect the following areas of the facility:

- Feed mill and mixing equipment
- Feed storage areas
- Feeding trucks and feed transport trucks
- Other feed processing and handling areas

