

Mad Cow Disease and Chronic Wasting Disease

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With the discovery of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE), also known as Mad Cow Disease, in Canada and the United States in 2003, state and federal governments have begun taking steps to update policies and procedures for preventing the disease and its potential spread to humans. This bibliography lists resources about these steps, as well as providing updated information regarding Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), which occurs in deer and elk and is related to BSE. For further information about CWD, see our *Tap the Power* from November 2002, "Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)."

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“Targeting CWD: Can the State Shoot Its Way Out of the Crisis?” Brian McCombie, *Isthmus*, v.28, no.24, p.13-16, June 13, 2003. (799/M13) A critical look at the efforts of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to eradicate CWD by destroying all the deer in the affected area of the state.

Understanding the BSE Threat. World Health Organization, October 2002. This online publication offers a discussion of the origins of BSE and preventive measures. It also discusses how to interpret the risk of the disease within countries.

www.who.int/csr/resources/publications/bse/BSEthreat.pdf

Related Web Sites

www.afia.org/News.html?Source=/Archive/2004/3/17-23186.html – American Feed Industry Association. “Expected BSE Changes in Limbo After International Panel Report.” The Report, from January 2004, is available from the U.S. Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) at: http://foia.aphis.usda.gov/lpa/issues/bse/BSE_tr_ban_ltr%20_enc_2.pdf

www.inspection.gc.ca/english/anima/heasan/disemala/bseesb/bseesbindexe.shtml – Canadian Food Inspection Agency. “Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) in North America.”

www.bseinfo.org – Cattlemen’s Beef Board and National Cattlemen’s Beef Association. Provides information about BSE and beef safety.

http://europa.eu.int/comm/food/food/biosafety/bse/index_en.htm – European Commission, Directorate-General for Health and Consumer Protection. “Food and Feed Safety.”

www.aphis.usda.gov/lpa/issues/bse/bse-riskassmt.html – Harvard Risk Assessment Survey on BSE. Available from the U.S. Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Web site.

www.ncsl.org/programs/esnr/BSEbrief.htm – National Conference of State Legislatures Issue Brief on BSE.

www.renderers.org – National Renderers Association. Includes a report on the economic impact of regulations.

www.organicconsumers.org/madcow.htm – Organic Consumers Association. Information about BSE and CWD.

www.tahc.state.tx.us/animal_health/diseases/bse/bse.shtml – Texas Animal Health Commission BSE page.

www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/cjd/cjd.htm – U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

www.usda.gov/BSE – U.S. Department of Agriculture. The site offers up-to-date news about BSE.

www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/bse – United Kingdom, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

www.fda.gov/oc/opacom/hottopics/bse.html – U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Links to FDA information on various aspects of BSE.

<http://usaip.info> – U.S. Animal Identification Plan. Describes the plan, an industry-state-federal partnership to coordinate a national animal identification plan.

www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/nahps/cwd – U.S. Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. Chronic Wasting Disease.

www.aphis.usda.gov/lpa/issues/bse/bse.html – U.S. Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. Provides links to information about BSE and related diseases.

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www.uwex.edu/ces/ag/issues/bse – UW-Extension. “Extension Responds: BSE, Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (Mad Cow Disease).”

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<http://agr.wa.gov/FoodAnimal/AnimalFeed/BSE.htm> – Washington State Department of Agriculture. “Animal Health.” Includes links to a wide range of information about BSE.

www.who.int/csr/disease/bes/en – World Health Organization. Includes links to fact sheets on BSE and variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (vCJD).

Clippings: (Noncirculating; available for use in the library; clippings prior to 1981 are on microfiche)

- For BSE: Animals – Diseases: 614.9/Z
- For CWD: Deer, moose and elk hunting and herd management: 799/D36z

BadgerLink: www.badgerlink.net

Search the EBSCOHost magazine and journal database and the ProQuest and Wisconsin Newsstand databases for full text articles. Suggested search words: *Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy*, *BSE*, *Mad Cow Disease*, *Chronic Wasting Disease*, *CWD*, and *animal identification system*.