A BSE case born in April 1998

BSE has been diagnosed in a Friesian cow, born on 22 April 1998, 20 months after 01 August 1996, when extra control measures on animal feed containing mammalian meat and bone meal (MMBM) were considered to have been fully implemented. The animal was taken under the compulsory TSE surveillance programme, an aspect of which requires the UK to test all animals aged over 42 months and born after 01 August 1996. Its farm of origin was in Shropshire, where it remained until it was submitted for slaughter on 16 December 2003. Disease was officially confirmed on 08 January 2004.