A BSE case born in January 1999

BSE has been diagnosed in a Holstein Friesian cross cow, born on 24 January 1999, 29 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 30 months and slaughtered as casualties. Its farm of origin was in Somerset. At the age of 42 months it was sold to another farm in Somerset, where it remained until it was submitted for slaughter on 11 February 2004. Disease was officially confirmed on 23 March 2004.