A BSE case born in September 1999

BSE has been diagnosed in a Simmental cow, born on 19 September 1999, 38 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. This is the most recently born animal to have been confirmed with BSE in the UK and was over four years old at the time of slaughter. 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 21 months it was sold to another farm in Somerset, where it remained until it was submitted for slaughter on 24 October 2003. Disease was officially confirmed on 12 November 2003.