A BSE case born in August 1996

BSE has been diagnosed in a Simmental cross cow, born on 17 August 1996, 17 days 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 fallen stock. Its farm of origin was in Dorset. At the age of 6 months it was sold to another farm in Dorset, where it remained until it was submitted for slaughter on 28 September 2003. Disease was officially confirmed on 28 October 2003.