A BSE case born in October 1996

BSE has been diagnosed in a Simmental Cross cow, born on 23 October 1996, less than 3 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 of all cattle born between 01 August 1996 and 31 July 1997 and submitted for slaughter under the Over Thirty Months Slaughter Scheme (OTMS). Its farm of origin was on the Isle of Wight, where it remained until it was submitted for slaughter on 10 October 2003. Disease was officially confirmed on 20 November 2003.