A BSE case born in June 1997

BSE has been diagnosed in a Freisian cow, born on 12 June 1997, 23 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 Conwy. At the age of 34 months it was sold to a farm in Clwyd, where it remained until it was submitted for slaughter on 11 October 2003. Disease was officially confirmed on 12 November 2003.