A BSE case born in October 1996

BSE has been diagnosed in an Aberdeen Angus cow, born on 12 October 1996, 2 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 cannot be traced, but at the age of 2 months it was sold to a farm in South Glamorgan, where it remained until it was submitted for slaughter on 26 September 2003. Disease was officially confirmed on 28 October 2003.