

Mad cow disease

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But it could take up to two years of research to establish firm proof of a direct link between the two.

WHO stressed that there had been a marked decline in the mad cow epidemic in Britain.

They said that British control measures were effective and have removed dangerous animal parts (such as the brain and spinal cord) from the food chain.

They added that the chance of human subjects becoming contaminated by the disease is absolutely remote.

Another meeting occurred between 708 animal and public health experts when the US Department of Agriculture reviewed current policies.

The meeting concluded without recommending any further safeguards - however, the number of cattle brains routinely tested for mad cow disease will be increased.

Federal officials are confident because mad cow disease has never been identified in the US.

This is compared to the 162,000 animals in Britain who have been stricken with the disease since 1986.

According to US officials, only 10 of the countries Britain exports cattle to have had mad cow disease - and in six of those countries (including Canada) the disease did not spread to cattle already living in the country.

Of the 499 cattle imported to the US from Britain before 1989 none were found to be infected with the disease.

Of the 2,660 brains tested from

British cattle imported in 1990 through 1995, no evidence of the disease was found.

However, Dr. Richard F. Marsh of the University of Wisconsin in Madison disagrees. According to him, scrapie exists among sheep in the US. He added that rendered sheep parts are fed to cattle in the US.

Marsh said that he would like to see better testing of cows for mad cow disease.

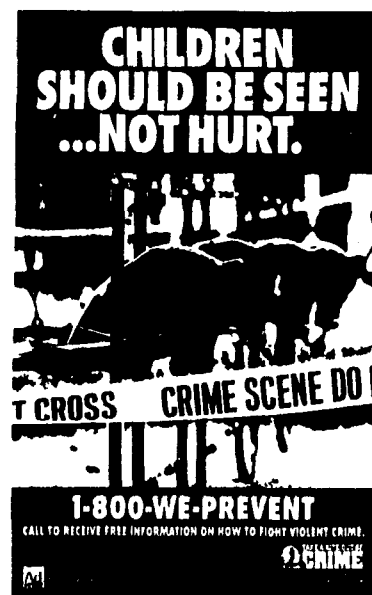
In 1994, the federal Food and Drug Administration proposed banning the sheep feed for cows, but it found resistance from the agricultural industry.

The proposal is being re-examined after the British statement.

There is no evidence from any country that scrapie can be transmitted directly to people who eat lamb or mutton.

British officials commented that the most likely explanation for the contraction of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease in humans is that the cows were exposed to mad cow before the ban and the feeding of rendered sheep parts in 1989. But the government added that even though the number of cases was small, there is still a "cause for great concern."

Mad cow seems to be only communicable among cattle through contaminated feed - studies have not found any correlation between offspring of afflicted cattle.



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