

# VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY

## NDSU

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To: Clients of the North Dakota Veterinary Diagnostic Lab

Re: Submission of mature cattle to the NDSU-VDL

FDA rule 21CFR 589.2001 is titled "*Cattle Materials Prohibited in Animal Feed (CMPAF) to Prevent the Transmission of BSE*". The FDA rule is officially effective 4/27/09 however the renderer used by the NDSU-VDL is implementing the rule effective **4/1/09**.

**This new rule states that brain and spinal cord from cattle 30 months of age or older cannot be rendered for use in any type of animal feed.** This rule will significantly affect the NDSU-VDL and its clients.

Beginning immediately, please make sure to indicate on the NDSU-VDL submission form the age of all bovine animals, even young animals. Our records must be auditable by the FDA. Any animal whose age cannot be determined to be less than 30 months of age by physical examination or by the statement of the referring veterinarian will be considered to be over 30 months old.

If the animal is over 30 months of age, the NDSU-VDL will have to remove the brain and spinal cord for incineration before the remainder of the carcass can be rendered. This will necessitate an additional cost of \$30.00 to the client on these cases.

**The fee is effective 4/1/09.**

Please contact the laboratory if you have any questions (701-231-8307).

Sincerely

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