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No. Non-ambulatory disabled cattle are not slaughtered for human food, effective as of December 30, 2003, by USDA. Non-ambulatory disabled cattle are animals that cannot rise from a recumbent position or that are disabled (e.g., have a broken appendage).

USDA's BSE information page is [www.usda.gov/bse](http://www.usda.gov/bse). Further information about USDA's research on BSE can be found at <http://www.ars.usda.gov/main/docs.htm?docid=13677>. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) provides information and resources at <http://www.cdc.gov/prions/bse/index.html>