



January 2, 2020

To Our Valued Customers:

This letter is to confirm that Creekstone Farms Premium Beef LLC (USDA. Est. 27) is in compliance with all requirements of Directive 6100.4, Notice 04-04, Notice 05-04, Notice 7-04, Notice 9-04, Notice 10-04 and Notice 56-07.

The nine Specified Risk Materials (SRM's) listed in these rules, and the other BSE Rules/Requirements that were published on 01/08/04 and finalized on 8/31/07, are prohibited from being saved as edible. The plant removes to inedible rendering the tonsils of all carcasses regardless of age. The skulls, brains, eyes, trigeminal ganglia, spinal cord, vertebrae, and Dorsal Root Ganglia are sent to inedible as well.

Any animal showing neurological symptoms characteristic of BSE will not be slaughtered. These animals will be humanely euthanized under the direction of a veterinary medical officer. If sampled, the inedible carcass including the hide and all parts will be held pending the results of pathological evaluation.

In accordance with FSIS Notice 58-05, the plant removes 80 inches of uncoiled and trimmed small intestine starting at the ceco-colic junction and moving proximally towards the jejunum.

Any carcass or carcass part that is packaged as edible that may have a vertebrae, spinal cord or dorsal root ganglia will be derived from livestock that is younger than 30 months of age.

The plant has had a program in place since April 16, 2003 restricting the slaughtering of downer cattle for purposes of producing edible products. This program includes the plant's adherence to the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act of 1978, FSIS Directive 6900.1, and FSIS Directive 6900.2. This program, of course, is still in place. The plant does not use prohibited stunning equipment, such as air injection stunning equipment.

If any questions or comments are needed, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ken Robinson".

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