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Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) – Public Health Update #1

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has identified Nevada as one of the retail markets that received product from a cow infected with bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), also known as mad cow disease.

The USDA has stated that the meat from this cow poses essentially no risk to the public. However, they have issued a recall and Clark County Health District officials are trying to determine whether the product was distributed locally.

The parts most likely to carry infection are the brain, spinal cord and lower intestine. These sections were removed before the cow was processed for human consumption. For more information, access USDA's website at www.usda.gov.

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