

## Dine Alberta - Food Safety Starts on the Farm

Based on the success of last year's food safety tips for producers registered in the program, Dine Alberta 2007 brings you a new series of e-tips to help you ensure that your food products are as safe as possible. This week's tip focuses on the new feed ban that has come into effect.

### New Feed Ban Announced

To prevent the spread of BSE among cattle, a new feed ban is now in effect. As of July 12, 2007 certain cattle tissues capable of transmitting BSE, known as specified risk material (SRM), are banned from all animal feeds, pet foods and fertilizers. There are new requirements for anyone handling, transporting or disposing of SRM.

Producers have new responsibilities when dealing with dead stock. A CFIA permit is now required any time cattle carcasses containing SRM are moved from a producer's property or if cattle die in transit, from the premises where the animal is pronounced dead. These rules allow the CFIA to track and control the movement of SRM. They don't apply if the carcass is disposed on the premises where the animal was last living.

If a producer wishes to take the dead animal to a vet clinic for a post mortem, a CFIA permit is needed to transport the carcass from the farm. All cattle – alive or dead – that leave the farm must bear Canadian Cattle Identification Agency tags.

For more information, contact your local CFIA office at 1-800-442-2342 or visit the CFIA website at [www.inspection.gc.ca/bse](http://www.inspection.gc.ca/bse).

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