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## Czech Republic

### Livestock and Products

## Czech Authorities Confirm 17th Case of BSE 2005

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**Report Highlights:**

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Since February 2001, over 715,000 cows have been tested for BSE and around 2,700 heads of cohort have been killed and tested. All BSE cases have been spread throughout the Czech Republic. The source of disease is unknown, SVA suspects randomly contaminated feeds. To confirm this presumption, SVA will do further research on the feeds used seven and eight years ago, since most BSE cases were born in this time period.

**BSE cases since regular testing started in February 2001:**

2005	2 cases (January, February)
2004	7 cases (January, April, May, June, July, September, October)
2003	4 cases (May, two in October, November)
2002	2 cases (both October)
2001	2 cases (June, September)

Additional information on BSE (legislation, map of positive cases, etc.) can be found on the webpage of the State Veterinary Administration:

[http://www.svscr.cz/hlavni\\_gb.php?co=menu&OID=A24605DA-60C6-494E-9468-306297809A79](http://www.svscr.cz/hlavni_gb.php?co=menu&OID=A24605DA-60C6-494E-9468-306297809A79)