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Anthrax Reported in Tambov Oblast

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Report Highlights:

Anthrax has been reported in a single bovine in Tambov Oblast, Russian Federation.

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The Russian Federation Ministry of Emergencies announced that on August 24, 2006, a single case of anthrax was discovered in a bovine in the village of Andreyevka, Sosnovskiy *rayon*, Tambov Oblast. The owner of the animal was hospitalized with a suspected case of anthrax.

Reports of anthrax in European Russia (Russia west of the Ural Mountains) are relatively infrequent but are to be expected in areas with soil contaminated with anthrax spores, such as Kursk Oblast. More frequent outbreaks are to be expected in Asiatic Russian provinces bordering Kazakhstan, Mongolia and China, such as Buryatia, where in August anthrax was registered in 200 villages across 19 *rayons*.

In July a human case of anthrax was reported in Istemas village, near the town of Orsk in Orenburg oblast. Anthrax spores reside in the soil around that village, and thus periodic outbreaks are a virtual certainty there.

In February an anthrax-infected beef carcass was intercepted just prior to entering retail sale at the Kuntsevo wet market in Moscow. The carcass was traced to the village Russkiy Pimbur in Bednodemyanovskiy *rayon*, Penza Oblast, where it had been inspected and certified wholesome by the local health inspector. The Kuntsevo market's veterinary inspector, however, noted signs of anthrax infection, ordered laboratory testing, and found the carcass to be from an infected animal.