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Eighth Case of BSE in Belgium for 2001

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Report Highlights:

Eighth case of BSE found in Belgium this year for a total of 27 cases since 1997.

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On April 5, the A.F.S.C.A. (Federal Agency for Food Safety) reported the eighth case of BSE this year. Since 1997, 27 positive cases of BSE have been found in Belgium.

It was diagnosed in a cow born in November 1994 in Baarle-Hertog on a farm which is no longer active. All bovines originating from that farm have been identified and located. The positive animal was also located at another farm in the commune of Retie, where 53 animals have been quarantined by the veterinary services. The bovines from these two herds have been slaughtered and incinerated.

Since the beginning of the year, 74,378 tests have been made on bovines older than 30 months. The daily status of analysis can be accessed on the website of the Belgian Agency for Food Safety (AFSCA) <http://www.afsca.be> or <http://www.afsca.fgov.be> under the heading "press releases" or by clicking on the image representing a cow.