

# Yikes! Mad Cow Cover-Up?

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Dr. Lester Friedlander, a former USDA vet, had been blowing the whistle on the USDA beef inspection practices before the latest case of BSE was confirmed. Dr. Friedlander said that inspectors are allowed only 15 seconds of inspection and that unhygienic practices are common in the meat industry; practices such as cow carcass abscesses being hosed off, wrapped up and shipped to the consumer.

The Organic Consumers Association reported last year that hundreds of people are dying in the US each year from CJD (the human counterpart of BSE) and the deaths are being written off as "unexplainable". The disease causes holes in the brains of the victims.

Friedlander also claims that some supervisors were more concerned about falsifying inspection documents than protecting consumers. Dr. Friedlander claims that on June 9, 2005, a cow in Texas BSE symptoms was sent straight to the rendering plant without testing.

Oh man, up until this latest Mad Cow scare, I used to eat red meat slash beef about 6 out of 7 nights, being your properly raised southern belle! Seems I'll have to rethink my menu! 🍔

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