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## Germany

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### BSE in Germany - update covering 2003

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**Report Highlights:**

The number of confirmed BSE cases per year is declining in Germany. In 2003, 54 cases of confirmed BSE occurred in Germany, compared to 106 in 2002, and 152 in 2001. Until January 6, 2004, one additional case was confirmed, taking the number of confirmed BSE cases since the first detection of BSE in Germany in November 2000, to a total of 293.

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In 2003, 54 cases of BSE were confirmed, compared to 106 in 2002. As of December 31, 2003, the total number of confirmed BSE cases in Germany amounted to 292 cases. Out of these, 7 cases were detected in 2000, 125 cases in 2001, and 106 cases in 2002 and 54 cases in 2003. From January 1 through 6, 2004, one additional case was confirmed. The geographical distribution of the confirmed cases is shown in table 1.

**Table 1: Geographical distribution of confirmed BSE cases in Germany, as of December 31, 2003.**

State	Number of confirmed BSE cases					Number of cattle in that state*	cases per 1 million head
	2000	2001	2002	2003	total		
Bavaria	5	59	27	21	112	3,824,100	29
Lower-Saxony	1	17	27	7	52	2,652,800	20
Schleswig-Holstein	1	12	14	1	28	1,241,500	23
Baden-Wuerttemberg	-	12	11	9	32	1,162,100	28
Saxony	-	4	4	3	11	522,200	21
Rhineland-Palatinate	-	4	6	-	10	427,500	23
Saxony-Anhalt	-	4	4	1	9	373,100	24
Brandenburg	-	3	4	3	10	613,000	16
Hesse	-	3	2	2	7	497,600	14
Mecklenburg-West Pomerania	-	2	4	-	6	563,100	11
North Rhine-Westphalia	-	2	2	4	8	1,401,000	6
Thuringia	-	2	1	3	6	374,200	16
Saarland	-	1	-	-	1	59,100	17
Berlin, Bremen, Hamburg	-	-	-	-	0	20,600	0
Total	7	125	106	54	292	13,731,900	21

\* Animal census November 2002

(Source: German Federal Ministry for Consumer Protection, Food and Agriculture)

### BSE tests

From January through November 2003, a total of 2,382,288 BSE tests were conducted in Germany, of which 51 BSE cases were confirmed. Out of these, 21 cases were discovered through routine testing at slaughter. All other cases were either detected through mandatory testing of "risk animals". Risk animals include perished animals, animals that died on transport, downers (i.e. non-ambulatory animals), animals that show any kind of disease symptoms, animals that show clinical BSE symptoms, or were part of destroyed herds or cohorts of a previously confirmed BSE case (birth cohort = animals born on the same farm within 12 months before or after the birth, feeding cohort = animals that were raised together with animal with confirmed BSE within the first 12 months of life of the latter, all offspring).

Since January 25, 2001, BSE tests at slaughter became mandatory in Germany for all cattle above the age of 24 months. The EU requires testing for cattle above 24 months only for risk animals, while routine testing of appearing healthy cattle is only required for cattle above 30 months.

Table 2: BSE tests and results from January through November 2003

January - November 2003 Animal Category	Number of tests	Number of confirmed BSE cases	Percent cases per tests in that category*	Percent cases of all confirmed cases**
Perished animals	223,107	19	0.009	37.3
Other risk animals	8107	0	0.000	0.0
Animals showing clinical BSE symptoms	51	1	1.961	2.0
Animals appearing healthy at slaughter	2,149,384	21	0.001	41.2
Animals slaughtered as part of a BSE eradication measure	914	1	0.109	2.0
Suspicious animals to be confirmed by a lab	725	9	1.241	17.6
Total	2,382,288	51	0.002	100

\* calculated as "number of confirmed cases" divided by "number of tests" in that category multiplied by 100

\*\* calculated as "number of confirmed cases" in a category divided by "total number of confirmed cases " \* 100

Source: German Federal Ministry for Consumer Protection, Food and Agriculture

### Risk Management by the German Government

For a detailed outline of the German risk management system please refer to report GM1033.

### Production

In CY 2002, Germany produced 1.317 million MT of beef. 198,000 MT of beef were imported, thereof 73,000 MT from outside the EU (mainly Argentina and Brazil). Exports amounted to 494,000 MT of which 165,000 MT were sent to destinations outside the EU (mostly Russia). Note: All figures are in carcass weight equivalent.

Table 3: German production of beef

Year	Slaughter number (in 1000 heads)	Beef production (in 1000 metric tons)
1999	4565	1374
2000	4285	1304
2001	4353	1360
2002	4272	1317

Source: German Federal Ministry for Consumer Protection, Food and Agriculture

Related reports:

GM1033	11/27/01	One year after the detection of BSE in Germany
GM3002	01/03/03	BSE in Germany – update
GM3006	02/27/03	German Cattle Identification and Beef Labeling
GM3020	07/17/03	BSE in Germany – update covering the first half year of 2003