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### EU Mid-year 2006 BSE update

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**Report Highlights:**

This mid-year 2006 update on the EU BSE/TSE situation shows a further decrease in BSE prevalence in EU cattle herds. This report also links to the latest EC BSE monitoring report covering 2005. An update on new EU BSE/TSE-related legislation as part of the EU TSE Roadmap is included.

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### Number of BSE cases continues to decrease

The number of BSE cases in European cattle continues to decrease in 2006, compared to previous years. The incidence level of BSE cases in 2006 appears to have decreased to one case per twenty thousand (actually less than one positive case is detected per hundred thousand cattle tested in 21 of the 25 EU member states, excluding Ireland, Portugal, Spain and the United Kingdom). BSE prevalence had already decreased to below 5 per million cattle in 2005, except for these four members of the EU-15, as well as for several New Member States (NMS). The higher prevalence in the NMS results from the fact that herds got infected with BSE several years later than in the EU-15, because NMS implemented a feed ban on MBM later.

EU Member state	2004	2005	2006		
			Testing until	Cattle tested	Positives
AUSTRIA	0	2	June	100,564	2
BELGIUM	11	2	May	155,307	0
CYPRUS	N/A	0	May	3,455	0
CZECH REPUBLIC	7	8	July	86,897	1
DENMARK	1	1	June	116,064	0
ESTONIA	N/A	0	June	15,712	0
FINLAND	0	0	July	67,707	0
FRANCE	54	31	March	672,110	1
GERMANY	65	32	July	1,136,701	10
GREECE	0	0	N/A	N/A	0
HUNGARY	N/A	0	May	36,520	0
IRELAND	126	69	August	384,055	31
ITALY	7	8	May	259,500	3
LATVIA	N/A	0	May	14,854	0
LITHUANIA	N/A	0	May	31,228	0
LUXEMBURG	0	1	July	8,996	0
MALTA	N/A	0	July	1,605	0
NETHERLANDS	6	3	March	N/A	2
POLAND	11	19	June	N/A	9
PORTUGAL	92	46	May	46,615	14
SLOVAKIA	7	3	July	40,238	0
SLOVENIA	2	1	July	17,734	0
SPAIN	137	98	July	254,995	41
SWEDEN	0	0	June	18,281	0
UNITED KINGDOM	343	252	June	324,361	82
<b>BSE cases TOTAL</b>	<b>869</b>	<b>576</b>		<b>3,793,499</b>	<b>196</b>

Sources: European Commission<sup>1</sup> and Office International des Epizooties (OIE)<sup>2</sup>.

### EC 2005 annual BSE monitoring report

The EC has published its annual "[Report on the monitoring and testing of ruminants for the presence of Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy \(TSE\) in the EU in 2005.](#)"<sup>3</sup> This 120-page report extensively documents the prevalence of BSE in the cattle populations in the EU

<sup>1</sup> [http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/biosafety/bse/mthly\\_reps\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/biosafety/bse/mthly_reps_en.htm)

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.oie.int/eng/info/en\\_esb.htm](http://www.oie.int/eng/info/en_esb.htm)

<sup>3</sup> [http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/biosafety/bse/annual\\_report\\_tse2005\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/biosafety/bse/annual_report_tse2005_en.pdf)

member states, including the first full year of BSE monitoring in the 10 NMS. The report also elaborates on the EU TSE monitoring in sheep and goat populations.

### Continued implementation of the TSE Roadmap

In 2006, the EC is continuing to implement [new legislation](#)<sup>4</sup> as part of its "TSE Roadmap"<sup>5</sup>. [EC Regulation 339/2006](#) of 24 February 2006 updated the EU BSE risk classification list for third countries, deleting Brazil, Chile, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Namibia, Botswana and Swaziland from the list of countries exempted from certain TSE-related trade conditions for live bovine animals and products of bovine, ovine and caprine origin. [EC Regulation 657/2006](#) of 10 April 2006 effectively ended the 1998 ban on UK exports of cattle and bovine products. [EC Regulation 688/2006](#) of 4 May 2006 imposed mandatory BSE testing on Sweden after the finding of Sweden's first case of BSE. [EC Regulation 1041/2006](#) of 7 July 2006 increased testing for BSE in EU ovine and caprine herds after the finding of BSE in a French goat and several suspected cases in sheep.

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<sup>4</sup> [http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/biosafety/bse/chronological\\_list\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/biosafety/bse/chronological_list_en.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> [http://europa.eu.int/comm/food/food/biosafety/bse/roadmap\\_en.pdf](http://europa.eu.int/comm/food/food/biosafety/bse/roadmap_en.pdf)