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## *Notice to Industry*

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### **PRODUCERS ENCOURAGED TO CONTINUE BSE SURVEILLANCE**

January 15, 2010 — The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is asking cattle producers to continue to present eligible animals for testing under the national bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) surveillance program.

The national BSE surveillance program has been highly successful in demonstrating the low level of BSE in Canada. The program continues to play an important role in Canada's strategy to manage BSE. It is critical in maintaining domestic and international confidence in Canadian beef products.

Please contact the nearest CFIA office or a veterinarian to make arrangements for testing. The CFIA continues to provide financial support to offset the costs of veterinary examinations and carcass disposal (on-farm disposal or deadstock collection). In Alberta, financial support costs are shared by Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development and the CFIA.

For more information on the national BSE surveillance program, including details on cattle eligibility requirements, call 1-800-442-2342 or visit [www.inspection.gc.ca](http://www.inspection.gc.ca).