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## BOVINE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHY SURVEILLANCE

The Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy Surveillance Program with USDA continues to offer trained Accredited Veterinarians and their cattle producers \$100 each for every valid sample submitted during the 2024 federal fiscal year. Your participation in the program helps enhance Missouri and national surveillance efforts in reassuring our trading partners on freedom from BSE.

### How the Cow Qualifies

- Any age or breed with CNS symptoms.
- Any downer cattle greater than 30 months of age.
- Cattle found dead (must have clinical history available).

### Samples to be Collected

- Fresh obex (no formalin)
- Specimen shipping containers will be provided.

### What's In It for Me/Producer?

- \$100 for veterinarian
- \$100 for producer

### To receive payment, all samples must be:

- Valid.
- Animal must have official ID and be traceable.
- Paperwork must be filled out correctly.

If you are interested in joining the BSE program, contact the Missouri USDA office at [VSMO@usda.gov](mailto:VSMO@usda.gov) or (573) 658-9850. If there are any accredited veterinarians interested in training to become an approved BSE collector, let USDA know.

- [BSE Fact Sheet](#)



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