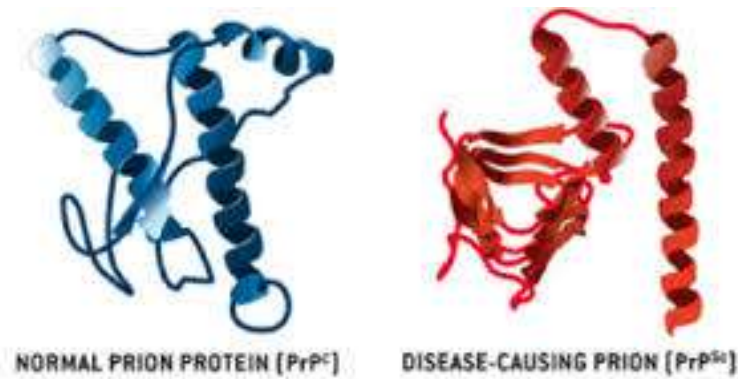


MAD COW DISEASE

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What is it?

- Mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), is a transmissible, slowly progressive fatal disease affecting the central nervous system of adult cattle. It also causes spongy degeneration of the brain.



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Cow Statistics

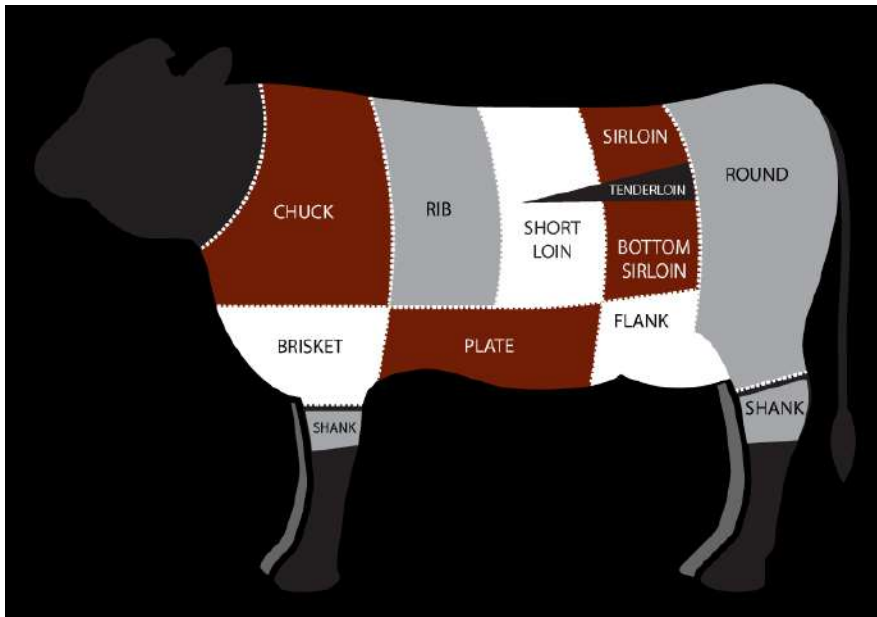
- In the United Kingdom, the country worst affected, more than 180,000 cattle have been infected and 4.4 million slaughtered during the eradication program.



- Cows with this disease are unable to stand

Can Humans get this?

- The disease may be most easily transmitted to human beings by eating food contaminated with the brain, spinal cord or digestive tract of infected carcasses.



Human Statistics

- by June 2014 it had killed 177 people in the United Kingdom, and 52 elsewhere.

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