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STATEMENT BY U.S. SENATOR WAYNE ALLARD REGARDING USDA ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW MEASURES AGAINST BSE

LOVELAND, COLORADO – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard made the following statement in response to Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman’s announcement today of new measures to contain Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) in the United States.

“Given the urgency caused by the discovery of BSE in the United States, I believe that the actions outlined today by the USDA will enhance the safety of the American food supply. This is a serious challenge to consumer confidence and the industry’s financial stability.

“The Department of Agriculture must take strong measures to bolster confidence and ensure consumers that American beef is a safe and wholesome product, and I believe Secretary Veneman took that first step with her announcement today.

“The measures she is imposing are science-based and aggressive, and will provide an additional safeguard to our food supply. They send a signal to the American people that their government is committed to maintaining the safest food supply in the world.

“As implementation of the USDA directives moves forward, I encourage the USDA to continue working cooperatively with the beef industry. Together, we will not only improve food safety, but we can also restore access to important markets, a critical component of our economy.”

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