Third case of BSE in America confirmed in Alabama cow

the history of an Alabama cow that has become the nation's third case of BSE disease.

The Agriculture Department confirmed the infection Monday. Unable to walk, the cow was killed last week by a local veterinarian and buried on the farm.

"This animal did not enter the human food or animal feed chains," the department's chief veterinarian, John Clifford, told reporters during a Monday conference call.

Word came as the Bush administration sought to reassure Japan, South Korea and other trading partners that U.S. beef is safe. The United States is still working to recover some markets that were cut off after the first U.S. case of mad cow disease in 2003

"If the infected cow turns out to have been born before April 1998, when the South Korean government banned meat and bone meal, it will not influence the South Korea-U.S. beef import agreement in January," the South Korean Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry said in a statement issued Tuesday in Seoul.

Under the January agreement, South Korea planned to resume limited imports of U.S. beef by the end of this month. The animal was a Santa Gertrudis breed, a red-colored beef cow that thrives in hotter weather in the southern United States.

Federal and state investigators are working to determine where the cow was born and raised and find any herdmates or offspring. They also want to pinpoint its age. Based on the pect animals on the farm. The

'quite possibly upwards of 10 years of age," Clifford said.

the age of older cows from their born and raised in Texas. teeth."It's an estimate," he said in an interview with The Associated tional buyer of American beef, Press.

mine the exact age. But we're going to do everything we can to trace this animal back to the herd beef shipments in January after of origin and determine its age." The age of the cow is important because the U.S. put safeguards but not in Asia. in place nine years ago to prevent the disease from spreading. The this would impact our ongoing U.S. banned ground-up cattle re- negotiations," Clifford said. mains from being added to cattle

feed in 1997. the only way cattle are known to have had 20-plus cases of BSE." contract the disease.Older animals are more likely to have been mon name for bovine spongiform exposed to contaminated feed encephalopathy, or BSE. In hucirculating before the 1997 feed ban.

similar feed ban in 1997, the most mostly in Britain, from recent case of mad cow disease variantCreutzfeldt-Jakob Diswas an animal born after the feed ease, a rare and fatal nerve disban, raising questions about enforcement.

That case was confirmed in January in Alberta.

In Alabama, state authorities said the farm was under an informal quarantine but would not say where it was. The cow had spent less than a year there before it died, officials said.

"We will not release this information at this time until we complete our investigation, and that could take a few days," state agriculture commissioner Ron Sparks said.

Sparks said there were no sus-

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> Japan, once the top internaclosed its market after the first "We may not be able to deter- U.S. case and had only recently lifted its ban.

However, Japan halted U.S. finding veal cuts with backbone - cuts that are eaten in the U.S.

"We would not anticipate that "Our product is safe. We've got a number of interlocking safe-Eating contaminated feed is guards. And Japan themselves

Mad cow disease is the commans, eating meat products contaminated with BSE has been In Canada, which enacted a linked to more than 150 deaths, ease.

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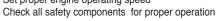
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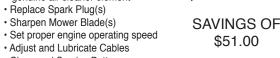
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