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SUBJECT: Further USDA Information on Central Valley Meat Investigation

TO: Regional Directors  
Special Nutrition Programs  
All Regions

State Directors  
Child Nutrition Programs  
All States

State Distributing Agencies

This memo provides additional information regarding the Central Valley Meat investigation described in memorandum SP 43-2012, CACFP 22-2012, and SFSP 16-2012. USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service's (FSIS) investigation has concluded that there is no evidence to support the allegation that a downer cow was slaughtered and entered the food supply, and that a food safety violation occurred as a result. In addition, FSIS has concluded its evaluation of the extensive corrective action plan submitted by Central Valley Meat Company to correct recent humane handling violations and has permitted Central Valley Meat to resume processing. As a result, the company will resume packing and shipping existing meat orders purchased by USDA for the National School Lunch Program.

Please share this information with all local program operators.

**Original Signed**  
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