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Dear Mr. Lovvorn:

Thank you for your letter of February 1, 2012, to the Department of Agriculture (USDA) regarding horse slaughter. The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has been asked to provide you with a response.

We appreciate the input you provided in your letter on the process of implementing horse slaughter inspection. At this time, FSIS is carefully considering all aspects of this issue, and will take your comments into account during this process.

Thank you again for your letter.

Sincerely,

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Keep Your Family Safer From Food Poisoning
CLEAN - SEPARATE - COOK - CHILL

CLEAN: Wash Hands And Surfaces Often **SEPARATE: Separate Raw Meats From Other Foods**

COOK: Cook To The Right Temperature **CHILL: Refrigerate Food Promptly**

Check your Steps at FoodSafety.gov