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**UK Research Update**

On Aug. 13, 2005, scientists in the United Kingdom (UK) reported in "The Veterinary Record" interim findings about their on-going research regarding sheep that were experimentally inoculated with BSE from cattle.

In this article, scientists reported that two lambs, born to ewes experimentally inoculated with BSE, were diagnosed with a transmissible spongiform encephalopathy (TSE). Further, they believe the TSE in these lambs is the result of the inoculation of the ewes with BSE from cattle.

The study will continue and the authors note that further results will be published later. UK scientists and government officials have long been concerned about BSE in their entire livestock population and what it might mean in terms of ending the BSE epidemic.

European sheep have not been allowed entry into the United States.