

Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food:

The number of sick and injured farm animals (downers) dragged to provincial slaughterhouses for a three month period between 1994 and 2002.

Descriptions: The description of the condition of the downer animals has been broken into three categories.

- **Injury/Trauma:** The first category includes animals who are down because of injuries or traumas such as broken legs, backs hips, trauma from calving such as ruptured uteruses, prolapsed uteruses.
- **Metabolic and other disease conditions:** The second grouping are animals down because of metabolic or other disease conditions such as foot rot, lumpy jaw, cancers, systemic infections gangrene.
- **Cause unknown:** The third category of animals who are down but the reason is unknown.

Statistics

April, May and June, 2002	Injuries/Trauma:	869
	Metabolic and other disease conditions:	465
	<u>Cause unknown:</u>	<u>332</u>
	Total	1666

April, May and June, 1999:	Injuries/Trauma:	439
	Metabolic and other disease conditions:	204
	<u>Cause unknown:</u>	<u>210</u>
	Total	853

April, May and June 1998:	Injuries/Trauma:	378
	Metabolic and other conditions:	145
	<u>Cause Unknown:</u>	<u>185</u>
	Total	708

January, Feb, March 1994:	Injuries/Trauma:	238
	Metabolic & other conditions:	138
	<u>Cause Unknown:</u>	<u>313</u>
	Total:	689