

I have been talking with a lot of old farmers today who have expressed concern about the supposed science behind the importation of beef from BSE infected countries.

They have been telling me that up 'till the mid 1980's the dept. of Ag was promoting meat meal to farmers as a cheap protein to be fed to cattle.

Trucking companies had full time jobs shifting hundreds of tonnes of bulk meat meal from the abattoirs to feed merchants.

The cattle were not keen on it but the Ag. dept. told them to add molasses to it to make it more palatable.

Dairy farmers hung meat bags around the fences in the yards so that the cattle became used to the smell.

We are very lucky to have never had a BSE outbreak, certainly not good management. The science of the day was flawed, just the same as the science of today is flawed.

Australian farmers were put at risk then, but we refuse to be put at risk again.

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