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Canadian Official Casts Doubt On Linking Plant To BSE Cow

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WASHINGTON (AP)--An official with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency Wednesday cast some doubt on a newspaper report that said Canadian food safety inspectors had established a tentative link between an Edmonton rendering and the first U.S. case of mad cow disease.

The Edmonton Journal quoted Tom Spiller of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency as saying that the Northern Alberta Processing plant may have provided contaminated materials to mills that mixed feed for the Alberta farm where U.S. officials believe the afflicted Holstein was born. The official said the plant also could have been a feed source for another farm in the province where a case of mad cow disease was discovered in May.

However, Dr. Cornelius Kiley, a colleague of Spiller, told The Associated Press that there are other potential suppliers and that investigators may ultimately never be able to pinpoint the source of infection.

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