289.251 Immature veal, transportation or sale unlawful; deacons; unwholesome meat from young animals; possession.

Sec. 1. No person shall transport in interstate or intrastate commerce, or sell for transportation in interstate or intrastate commerce, any calf unless such calf is at least 1 week old. This provision shall not apply to transportation or sale of live calves known as deacons from 1 farmer to another. No person shall sell, offer or expose for sale, for human consumption, the carcass or meat of calves, pigs, kids or lambs which are unwholesome. The carcasses or meat shall be declared unwholesome if (1) the carcass or meat has the appearance of being water soaked, is loose, flabby, tears easily and can be perforated with the fingers; or (2) if its color is grayish red; or (3) if good muscular development as a whole is lacking, especially noticeable on the upper shank of the leg, where small amounts or serous infiltrates or small edematous patches are sometimes present between the muscles; or (4) if the tissue which later develops as the fat capsule of the kidneys is edematous, dirty yellow or grayish red, tough and intermixed with islands of fat. Such carcasses or meats as herein described and declared to be unwholesome shall be condemned. Possession of such carcass or meat in any place where meat for human consumption is stored, sold or offered for sale shall be evidence of possession of such carcass or meat for sale. This section shall not be deemed to prohibit the shipment in interstate commerce of hog-dressed young veal calves, commonly known as “deacons”.