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RE: 2020-FSIS-00269-F

Dear Ms. Hogan:

This is the first interim response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), dated April 15, 2020, in which you requested a copy of noncompliance records, food safety assessments, and administrative action data, from March 1, 2010 to March 31, 2020. FSIS received your request on April 16, 2020.

The FSIS FOIA staff works with subject matter experts across the Agency to locate responsive documents. For this request, we conducted a records search in the office of Planning, Analysis, and Risk Management. FSIS' search began on April 16, 2020 and includes responsive records in our control on that date.

For this release, we have processed two Excel spreadsheets that are responsive to your request. After a thorough review, we are releasing these records in their entirety. Accordingly, this request is granted in full.

FSIS will continue to process records responsive to your request and will forward them promptly upon completion of review. As this is not a final response to your FOIA request, we request that you reserve your right to appeal. We will include your appeal rights in our final release.

If you have any questions about the way this request was handled, please contact Anthony Trenkle at 202-720-2110 or via email at Anthony.Trenkle@usda.gov. You may seek dispute resolution services from me, the FSIS FOIA Public Liaison and FOIA Director at 202-690-2760 or via email at Arianne.Perkins@usda.gov. If you have general questions about FSIS' FOIA procedures or regulations, please feel free to reach out to me as well.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Thank you for your interest in FSIS programs and policies.

Sincerely,

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