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Carroll Johnson



Dear Ms. Johnson:

This is in response to your April 15, 2010, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, which was received in this office on April 16, 2010 and assigned case number 10-382. You requested to know how many millions of dollars was spent on testing of the wrong animals as well as if NCWD has furnished the USDA with specific information on the number and type of cervids which has been specifically for the purpose of CWF testing.

Based on the information provided in your request, Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and currently the USDA does not require the states to report on cervids that have been slaughtered and tested for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). Additionally, the USDA does not require the states to report on the number of fallow deer slaughtered. In regards to your request, USDA has not been furnished with the number and types of cervids that have been slaughtered specifically for the purpose of CWD testing in North Carolina.

You may appeal our findings of no responsive records. If you choose to appeal, your appeal must be in writing and must be received within 45 days of the date of this letter. Send to:

Administrator
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Ag Box 3401
Washington, D.C. 20250-3401

Please refer to FOIA 10-382 in your appeal letter and add the words "FOIA Appeal" to the front of the envelope. To assist the Administrator in reviewing your appeal, please provide specific reasons why you believe modification of this initial determination is warranted.

Because the cost to process your request is less than \$25.00, the fee has been waived. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Anastazia Taylor, Ms. Katy Vagnoni or Mr. Michael Jordan of my staff at (301) 734-3254.

Sincerely,

Tonya Woods
Director
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