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Dear Mr. Sierra:

This is in response to your June 24, 2010, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the names, county and number of scrapie tags received in 2009 for meat goat breeds (Boer or Kiko). Your request was received on June 24, 2010, and assigned case number 10-516. We apologize for the delay of this response.

Veterinary Services conducted a thorough search of their files and located the enclosed 16 pages responsive to your request. Information has been withheld under FOIA Exemption 3, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3), as its exempt from disclosure by another statute. Pursuant to Section 1619 of the Farm Bill, we have withheld the names of private landowners and/or cooperators. This same information has been withheld under FOIA Exemption 6, U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). This Exemption permits the Government to protect from disclosure information that would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Please note that the Agency does not publicly disclose any personal identifying information of individuals, e.g. names or addresses, who voluntarily participated in the Agency's National Animal Health Monitoring System to Study Goat Industry in 2009.

You may appeal our denial of this information. 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 10-516 in your appeal letter and add the words "FOIA Appeal" to the front of the envelope. To assist the Administrator in reviewing your appeal, provide specific reasons why you believe modification of the determination is warranted.

Because the cost to process your request is less than \$25, the fee has been waived. If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA Office at (301) 734-8296.

Sincerely,

Tonya Woods  
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