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Terry Torrance

Dear Ms. Torrance:

This is our first partial in response to your April 19, 2011, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for copies of all owner/shipper papers, VS10-13 and VS 17-45 forms, for Fred Bauer, Bauer Farms, Bauer Horse Market and Bauer and Sons of Ohio. Your request was received in this office on April 19, 2011, and assigned case number 11-417.

We are enclosing, on CD-ROM, 400 pages of responsive records which were provided by the Veterinary Services program office. However, information has been withheld under FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). This exemption protects information from disclosure when its release would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Specifically, we withheld the personal signatures on the forms. As stated in our July 14, 2011, letter, we have estimated that our review will be completed by August 30, 2011, and partial releases will be sent prior to that date.

My final response will provide you with your right to appeal. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or write to Reggie Sheppard at 301-734-3257, or FOIA.Office@aphis.usda.gov. Our address is 4700 River Road Unit 50, Riverdale, MD 20737-1232.

Also contained on the CD-ROM are copies of your FOIA request, this response letter, and Adobe® Acrobat® Reader™, which is needed to view the responsive records. By opening rp505enu.exe and following the on-screen instructions, you will install Adobe Reader. After the installation, the Adobe Reader should render the PDF files correctly.

Thank you for your patience.

Sincerely,

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Tonya Woods, Director
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