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Terry Torrance

Dear Ms. Torrance:

This is in further response to your May 26, 2011, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for records regarding Nickerson Livestock. Your request was also received on May 26, 2011, and has been assigned case number FOIA 11-539.

The Office of Veterinary Services conducted a search of their files and located 169 pages. We are enclosing in part 154 pages on CD-ROM. However, information, e.g. names of Nickerson Livestock employees, is withheld pursuant to 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. The release of their names will not shed any light on APHIS duties and responsibilities. The remaining 15 pages are blank pages thus aren't responsive to your request.

You may appeal our partial denial of this information. If you choose to appeal, and you may hold your appeal in abeyance until your final response is received. Your appeal must be in writing and must be received within 45 days of the date of this letter to: Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Ag Box 3401, Washington, DC 20250-3401. Please refer **FOIA 11-539**, 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.

If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA Staff at (301) 734-8296.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tonya G. Woods".

Tonya G. Woods
Director
Freedom of Information & Privacy Act

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