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Dear Ms. Gomez:

This is in response to your October 14, 2009, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for copies of all USDA inspection reports and related records from 2004 to the present for Illinois State University. Your request was received in this office on October 14, 2009, and assigned case number FOIA 10-23.

The Agency's retention schedule requires inspection reports to be maintained for three years. Therefore, we have no reports for 2004-2006. However, agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and located the enclosed three pages of inspection reports. 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. In addition, we withheld the same information under FOIA Exemption 7(C), 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(7)(C). This exemption protects from disclosure records or information collected for law enforcement purposes when its release could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The enclosed pages are the best available copies.

You may appeal our partial denial determination. If you choose to appeal, 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, D.C. 20250-3401

Please refer to FOIA 10-23 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 the determination is warranted.

Because the cost to process your request is less than \$25.00, the fee has been waived.
Should you have questions, please contact _____ of this staff at (301) 734-3257.

Sincerely,

Tonya G. Woods
Director
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