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# Freedom of Information Act

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Use this page to learn how to submit a FOIA request to APHIS, check the status on submitted FOIA requests, and review frequently requested APHIS records.

## Request APHIS Records and Information

How To Submit a FOIA Request to APHIS

You can submit FOIA requests to APHIS through the FOIA website, by mail, or by fax.

Check the Status of FOIA Request

Submitted a FOIA request to APHIS? Find out the status of the request and our response.

FOIA Reading Room

Find frequently requested documents and other records routinely available to the public under FOIA.

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The FOIA Public Liaison is responsible for helping to reduce delays, increase transparency and understanding of the status of requests, and assist in dispute resolution.

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