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RE: 2021-FSIS-00161-F
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Dear Mr. Polansek:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated January 22, 2021, to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS). You requested access to a copy of records regarding a list of the pork plants that have converted to the New Swine Inspection System (NSIS) and the dates they converted. We received your request in our office on January 25, 2021.

The FSIS FOIA staff works with subject matter experts across the agency to locate responsive documents. For this request, we conducted a records search in the Office of Field Operations. FSIS' search began on January 25, 2021. Our search includes responsive records in FSIS' control on that date.

We have located one page that is responsive to your request. After a thorough review, we are releasing this record in its entirety. Accordingly, this request is granted in full.

You may appeal this determination within 90 days from the date of this letter. Your appeal should include copies of your original request and this response, as well as a discussion of the reasons supporting your appeal. The envelope should be plainly marked to indicate that it contains a FOIA appeal. If you decide to appeal this determination, please send your appeal to:

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Please be advised that your FOIA request, including your identity and the information made available, is releasable to the public under any subsequent FOIA requests. However, FSIS does not release your personal privacy information, such as home addresses, telephone numbers, or Social Security Numbers, all of which are protected from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 6.

If you have any questions about the way this request was handled, please contact Luke Harman at 202-720-0290 or via email at Luke.Harman@usda.gov. If you have general questions about FSIS' FOIA procedures or regulations, please contact me, FOIA Director/ FOIA Public Liaison at 202-690-2760 or via email at Arianne.Perkins@usda.gov.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Thank you for your interest in FSIS programs and policies.

Sincerely,



Arianne M. Perkins
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