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Inspection Service

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**TRANSMITTED VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

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RE: 2020-FSIS-00397-F  
Records re Foodborne Illness

Dear Ms. Davenport:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated June 9, 2020, to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS). You requested a copy of records regarding on any foodborne illnesses resulting from meat processed at "custom slaughterhouses" from 2012 to June 8, 2020. We received your request in our office on June 9, 2020.

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 Planning, Analysis and Risk Management, and the Office of Public Health Science. FSIS' search began on June 9, 2020. Please be advised that staff in FSIS did not locate any responsive documents.

You may appeal this determination no later than 90 days from the date of this letter. Your appeal should include copies of your original request and this response, as well reasons supporting your appeal. The envelope should be plainly marked to indicate that it contains a FOIA appeal. If you decide to appeal, please send your appeal to:

Paul Kiecker  
Administrator  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Food Safety and Inspection Service  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW.  
Room 1170 South Building  
Washington, D.C. 20250-3700

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 Timothy Poe at 202-205-3828 or via email at [Timothy.Poe@usda.gov](mailto:Timothy.Poe@usda.gov). You may seek dispute

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resolution services from me, the FSIS FOIA Public Liaison and FOIA Director at 202-690-2760, or by e-mail at [Arianne.Perkins@usda.gov](mailto:Arianne.Perkins@usda.gov). If you have general questions about FSIS' FOIA procedures or regulations, please feel free to reach out to me as well.

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](mailto: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 PERKINS**

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