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**November 8, 2017**

Gregory Bridges  
Agricultural Marketing Service  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
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Sent via email: [AMS.FOIA@usda.gov](mailto:AMS.FOIA@usda.gov)

**FOIA REQUEST**  
**Fee waiver requested**

Dear Mr. Bridges:

Pursuant to the Federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I am requesting the following documents produced between October 4, 2017 and November 8, 2017:

- All documents and correspondence (this would include any notes, presentations, photographs, videos, audio recordings, phone logs, calendars and other material either in hard copy or electronic form) that discuss or describe Aurora Organic Dairy of Boulder, CO (for any other corporate owned or contracted location), "Aurora Dairy," "Aurora," "AOD," or any other corporate permutation.
- All materials referenced above to or from, or that discuss, or in any way refer to Mark Pepperzak, Mark Retzloff, Scott McGinty, Sonja Tuitele or any other employee or officer affiliated with Aurora Organic Dairy or any related corporate entity. This would include any legal counsel engaged by these individuals or the aforementioned corporate entities.
- All documents that discuss or describe the Colorado Department of Agriculture organic certification program.

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If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the Act. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Please send materials to the following address:

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Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jason Cole".

Jason Cole  
Research Associate  
The Cornucopia Institute