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Sent via email: [AMS.FOIA@usda.gov](mailto:AMS.FOIA@usda.gov)

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

Dear Mr. Brook,

Pursuant to the Federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I am requesting the case summary and full settlement agreement between the USDA and Kuhlman Farms of Gothenburg, Nebraska.

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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:

The Cornucopia Institute  
P.O. Box 126  
Cornucopia, WI  
54827

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason Cole". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and a long, sweeping underline.

Jason Cole  
Research Associate  
The Cornucopia Institute