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USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service
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Sent via email: AMS.FOIA@usda.gov

FOIA REQUEST

Fee benefit requested

Fee waiver requested

Dear Ms. Scott,

The Cornucopia Institute is requesting information regarding visits to organic dairies in Texas and New Mexico by Matthew Michael, the Director of the NOP's Compliance and Enforcement Division, and Deputy Administrator Miles McEvoy, or any other USDA official or agent acting at NOP's request. If there are any other dairies that have been visited directly by NOP staff in 2012 we would also respectfully request materials related to those visits (but only after the aforementioned documents are delivered related to the Texas and New Mexico operations (please let us know if you would like a separate FOIA request).

It is our understanding that the Texas and New Mexico visits occurred in 2012 and Cornucopia is requesting, in particular, copies of all correspondence, discussion notes, documents, phone logs and background materials related to the planning for said visits, actual visits to the Texas and New Mexico organic dairies in 2012, any follow-up correspondence or documents and subsequent actions and/or activities that transpired following the visits (including any enforcement actions by the NOP or accredited certification agencies).

As I am making this request as a policy researcher for a not-for-profit public interest and

research organization, please waive any applicable fees. Also, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone or e-mail, rather than by the United States Postal Service, if you have questions regarding this request.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the Act.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Will Fantle". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Will Fantle, Codirector
The Cornucopia Institute