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Mr. Gregory Bridges
Agricultural Marketing Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.
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Sent via email: AMS.FOIA@usda.gov

Ref: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request

Dear Mr. Bridges:

Pursuant to the Federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I am requesting copies of all documents which identify, discuss, or describe any shipments of *organic* corn, *organic* soybeans, *organic* wheat, or *organic* produce which were presented for entry at ports and borders of the United States during the years 2015-present that tested positive for pesticide residue and/or GMO contamination. In addition, for any such incidents, please also include any documents that identify, discuss, or describe any of the following matters for these shipments:

1. Date the shipment arrived at the port or border crossing where the product was presented for entry;
2. Location of the port or border crossing where the import was presented for entry;
3. Carrier identity (Vessel Name, Train, Truck) in which the product arrived;
4. Origin of the shipment;
5. Pesticide residue test results;
6. GMO test results;
7. Entity conducting the testing;
8. Date of testing;
9. Description of the action taken for loads testing positive for pesticide residue or GMO contamination.

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.

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 very much for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Anne Ross", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Anne Ross
Farm Policy Analyst
The Cornucopia Institute