



**Annual USDA Scientific Integrity Allegations Summary Report
May 2013 – April 2014
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The USDA Scientific Integrity policy was established May 10, 2013. During the first year that the policy was in effect, May 10, 2013 through April 30, 2014, five (5) allegations of scientific/research misconduct were reported across USDA agencies. Four (4) of the cases proceeded to agency or departmental investigation. As of April 30, 2014, one (1) of the five (5) cases was found to be a violation of the USDA Scientific Integrity Policy.

The department previously reported eight scientific integrity cases during the first year of the policy. This error was due to two cases of double counting and one reported case where USDA served as an expert resource for a scientific integrity violation at another agency.