

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Freedom of Information Act Annual Report FY 2017

I. BASIC INFORMATION REGARDING REPORT

For questions concerning this report please contact **Alexis Graves**, Departmental FOIA Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, 1400 Independence Avenue, South Building, Room 4101, Washington DC 20250-0706, telephone number (202) 690-3318, email USDAFOIA@ocio.usda.gov

This report is available at <http://www.usda.gov/da/foia.htm>. You may obtain a paper copy of this report by visiting the USDA website or by contacting the Departmental FOIA Officer using the information above.

II. MAKING A FOIA REQUEST

Before submitting FOIA requests, we encourage you to review USDA’s website. USDA routinely posts information so you may find what you are looking for is already posted.

You should also keep in mind that because we have a decentralized FOIA program, each FOIA agency or staff office is independently handling and processing its requests. Therefore, before emailing or mailing your request, you should try to determine whether it is likely that the agency or staff office will have the records you are seeking. The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all FOIA agencies or staff offices that receive FOIA requests are available at: <http://www.dm.usda.gov/foia/poc.htm>.

If you are unsure about which FOIA agency or staff office will have responsive records, submit your request to the USDA Departmental FOIA Officer using the above information. Requesters will be notified by the Departmental FOIA Office when their requests are routed. This notification will include the FOIA agency or staff office likely to have responsive records in addition to the point(s) of contact.

A FOIA request can be made for any agency record. This does not mean however, that the USDA will disclose every record sought. There are statutory exemptions that authorize the withholding of agency records in part or full. For additional information regarding USDA’s FOIA processing procedures and regulations, please visit: <http://www.dm.usda.gov/foia/poc.htm>.

III. ACRONYMS, DEFINITIONS, AND EXEMPTIONS

Acronyms

Component Acronyms	Component Name
AMS	Agricultural Marketing Service
APHIS	Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

ASCR	Office of Civil Rights
FAS	Foreign Agricultural Service
FNCS	Food and Nutrition Consumer Service
FS	Forest Service
FSA	Farm Service Agency
FSIS	Food Safety and Inspection Service
GIPSA	Grain Inspection, Packers, and Stockyards Administration
NAD	National Appeals Division
NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Service
OBPA	Office of Budget and Program Analysis
OCFO	Office of the Chief Financial Officer
OSEC/OCIO/DM	Office of the Secretary/Office of the Chief Information Officer /Departmental Management
OGC	Office of General Counsel
OIG	Office of the Inspector General
RD	Rural Development
REE	Research, Education, and Economics
RMA	Risk Management Agency

Definitions of Terms Used in this Report

- a. **Administrative Appeal** - a request to a federal agency asking that it review at a higher administrative level a FOIA determination made by the agency at the initial request level.
- b. **Average Number** - the number obtained by dividing the sum of a group of numbers by the quantity of numbers in the group. For example, of 3, 7, and 14, the average number is 8.
- c. **Backlog** - the number of requests or administrative appeals that are pending at an agency at the end of the fiscal year that are beyond the statutory time period for a response.
- d. **Component** - for agencies that process requests on a decentralized basis, a “component” is an entity, also sometimes referred to as an Office, Division, Bureau, Center, or Directorate, within the agency that processes FOIA requests. The FOIA now requires that agencies include in their Annual FOIA Report data for both the agency overall and for each principal component of the agency.
- e. **Consultation** - the procedure whereby the agency responding to a FOIA request first forwards a record to another agency for its review because that other agency has an interest in the document. Once the agency in receipt of the consultation finishes its review of the record, it responds back to the agency that forwarded.
- f. **Exemption 3 Statute** - a federal statute that exempts information from disclosure and which the agency relies on to withhold information under subsection (b)(3) of the FOIA.
- g. **FOIA Request** - a FOIA request is generally a request to a federal agency for access to records concerning another person (i.e., a "third-party" request), or concerning an organization, or a particular topic of interest. FOIA requests also include requests made by requesters seeking records concerning themselves (i.e., "first-party" requests) when those requesters are not subject to the

Privacy Act, such as non-U.S. citizens. Moreover, because all first-party requesters should be afforded the benefit of both the access provisions of the FOIA as well as those of the Privacy Act, FOIA requests also include any first-party requests where an agency determines that it must search beyond its Privacy Act "systems of records" or where a Privacy Act exemption applies, and the agency looks to FOIA to afford the greatest possible access. All requests which require the agency to utilize the FOIA in responding to the requester are included in this Report. Additionally, a FOIA request includes records referred to the agency for processing and direct response to the requester. It does not, however, include records for which the agency has received a consultation from another agency. (Consultations are reported separately in Section XII of this Report.)

- h. **Full Grant** - an agency decision to disclose all records in full in response to a FOIA request.
- i. **Full Denial** - an agency decision not to release any records in response to a FOIA request because the records are exempt in their entireties under one or more of the FOIA exemptions, or because of a procedural reason, such as when no records could be located.
- j. **Median Number** - the middle, not average, number. For example, of 3, 7, and 14, the median number is 7.
- k. **Multi-Track Processing** - a system in which simple requests requiring relatively minimal review are placed in one processing track and more voluminous and complex requests are placed in one or more other tracks. Requests granted expedited processing are placed in yet another track. Requests in each track are processed on a first in/first out basis.
 - i. **Expedited Processing** - an agency will process a FOIA request on an expedited basis when a requester satisfies the requirements for expedited processing as set forth in the statute and in agency regulations.
 - ii. **Simple Request** - a FOIA request that an agency using multi-track processing places in its fastest (non-expedited) track based on the low volume and/or simplicity of the records requested.
 - iii. **Complex Request** - a FOIA request that an agency using multi-track processing places in a slower track based on the high volume and/or complexity of the records requested.
- l. **Partial Grant/Partial Denial** - in response to a FOIA request, an agency decision to disclose portions of the records and to withhold other portions that are exempt under the FOIA, or to otherwise deny a portion of the request for a procedural reason.
- m. **Pending Request or Pending Administrative Appeal** - a request or administrative appeal for which an agency has not taken final action in all respects.
- n. **Perfected Request** - a request for records which reasonably describes such records and is made in accordance with published rules stating the time, place, fees (if any) and procedures to be followed.
- o. **Processed Request or Processed Administrative Appeal** - a request or administrative appeal for which an agency has taken final action in all respects.
- p. **Range in Number of Days** - the lowest and highest number of days to process requests or administrative appeals.
- q. **Time Limits** - the time period in the statute for an agency to respond to a FOIA request (ordinarily twenty working days from receipt of a perfected FOIA request).

Nine FOIA Exemptions Referenced in this Report

- a. **Exemption 1**: classified national defense and foreign relations information

- b. **Exemption 2:** internal agency rules and practices
- c. **Exemption 3:** information that is prohibited from disclosure by another federal law
- d. **Exemption 4:** trade secrets and other confidential business information
- e. **Exemption 5:** inter-agency or intra-agency communications that are protected by legal privileges
- f. **Exemption 6:** information involving matters of personal privacy
- g. **Exemption 7:** records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, to the extent that the production of those records (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual
- h. **Exemption 8:** information relating to the supervision of financial institutions
- i. **Exemption 9:** geological information on wells

IV. EXEMPTION 3 STATUTES

Statute	Type of Information Withheld	Case Citation	Agency / Component	Number of Times Relied upon by Agency / Component	Total Number of Times Relied upon by Agency Overall
5 U.S.C. § 574(j)	Dispute resolution communications	N/A	AMS	2	2
7 U.S.C. § 608(d)(2)	Information for marketing order programs that is categorized as trade secrets and commercial or financial information	N/A	AMS	3	3
7 U.S.C. § 1502(c)	Personal information provided by agricultural producer (policy information, yield data, etc.)	N/A	NRCS	4	19
			RMA	15	
7 U.S.C. § 2018(c)	Information obtained pursuant to chapter 51 of title 7 of the United States Code, which concerns the handling of information submitted by applicants to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	Argus Leader Media v. USDA, 740 F.3d 1172, 1175-76 (8th Cir. 2014).	FNCS	90	90
7 U.S.C. § 2276(a)(2) (Food Security Act of 1985)	"[I]nformation furnished under a provision of law referred to in subsection (d) of this section . . . unless such information has been transformed into a statistical or aggregate form that does not allow the identification of the person who supplied particular information"	Strunk v. U.S. Dept. of Interior, 752 F. Supp. 2d 39, 44 (D.D.C. 2010).	FNCS	29	29

7 U.S.C. § 8791	"[I]nformation provided by an agricultural producer or owner of agricultural land concerning the agricultural operation, farming or conservation practices, or the land itself, in order to participate in programs of the Department" and certain "geospatial information . . . maintained by the Secretary"	Ctr. for Biological Diversity v. USDA, 626 F.3d 1113, 1118 (9th Cir. 2010); Zanoni v. USDA, 605 F. Supp. 2d 230, 237-38 (D.D.C. 2009).	APHIS	7	359
			FSA	291	
			NRCS	58	
			RD	2	
			RMA	1	
15 U.S.C. § 3710a(c) (Federal Technology Transfer Act)	"[T]rade secrets or commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential, under the meaning of section 552(b)(4) of Title 5, which is obtained in the conduct of research or as a result of activities under this chapter," which pertains to cooperative research and development agreements for the purpose of technological and industrial innovation	Pub. Citizen Health Research Group v. NIH, 209 F. Supp. 2d 37, 43, 51 (D.D.C. 2002); DeLorme Pub. Co., Inc. v. NOAA, 917 F. Supp. 867, 871-72 (D. Me. 1996), appeal dismissed per stipulation, No. 96-1601 (1st Cir. July 8, 1996).	FS	1	5
			REE	4	
16 U.S.C. § 470hh (Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979)	Information pertaining to the nature and location of certain archaeological resources	Hornbostel v. U.S. Dep't of the Interior, 305 F. Supp. 2d 21, 30 (D.D.C. 2003), summary affirmance granted, No. 03-5257, 2004 WL 1900562 (D.C. Cir. Aug. 25, 2004).	FS	29	31
			NRCS	2	
41 U.S.C. § 253b(m)(1) (currently at 41 U.S.C. § 4702)	Contractor proposals that are in the possession or control of an executive agency and that have not been set forth or incorporated by reference into contracts	Sinkfield v. HUD, No. 10-885, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 35233, at *13-15 (S.D. Ohio Mar. 15, 2012); Margolin v. NASA, No. 09-CV-00421, 2011 WL 1303221, at *6 (D. Nev. Mar. 31, 2011); Hornbostel v. U.S. Dep't of the Interior, 305 F. Supp. 2d 21, 30 (D.D.C. 2003), summary affirmance	OSEC/OCIO/DM	1	10

		granted, No. 03-5257, 2004 WL 1900562 (D.C. Cir. Aug. 25, 2004).			
			FS	5	
			APHIS	4	
5 U.S.C. app. 3 § 7(b)	Names of employees who provide information or complaints to the Inspector General	N/A	OIG	2	2
18 U.S.C. § 5038	Juvenile arrest records	N/A	OIG	1	1

V.A. FOIA REQUESTS -- RECEIVED, PROCESSED AND PENDING FOIA REQUESTS

Agency / Component	Number of Requests Pending as of Start of Fiscal Year	Number of Requests Received in Fiscal Year	Number of Requests Processed in Fiscal Year	Number of Requests Pending as of End of Fiscal Year
AMS	49	181	193	37
APHIS	652	1,762	794	1,620
ASCR	2	32	31	3
FAS	15	41	31	25
FNCS	72	690	641	121
FS	487	1,832	1,836	483
FSA	2,428	19,066	18,737	2,757
FSIS	84	350	382	52
GIPSA	3	24	19	8
NAD	9	1	0	10
NRCS	42	278	272	48
OBPA	0	22	16	6
OCFO	15	17	2	30
OSEC/OCIO/DM	17	379	275	121
OGC	38	70	39	69
OIG	96	97	110	83
RD	65	393	402	56
REE	12	138	142	8
RMA	14	88	84	18
AGENCY OVERALL	4,100	25,461	24,006	5,555

After reviewing their databases, AMS, APHIS, ASCR, FSA, FSIS, NRCS, OCFO, OSEC/OCIO/DM, REE, RMA, OGC, FS, and RD updated the number of requests pending as of the start of the Fiscal Year.

V.B.(1). DISPOSITION OF FOIA REQUESTS -- ALL PROCESSED REQUESTS

Agency / Component	Number of Full Grants	Number of Partial Grants / Partial Denials	Number of Full Denials Based on Exemptions	Number of Full Denials Based on Reasons Other than Exemptions									TOTAL
				No Records	All Records Referred to Another Component or Agency	Request Withdrawn	Fee-Related Reason	Records not Reasonably Described	Improper FOIA Request for Other Reason	Not Agency Record	Duplicate Request	Other *Explain in Chart Below	
AMS	40	79	4	24	17	14	0	1	0	0	6	8	193
APHIS	163	354	17	121	10	35	1	3	7	11	27	45	794
ASCR	5	9	0	2	5	1	0	1	0	4	1	3	31
FAS	8	3	1	11	0	3	0	0	0	5	0	0	31
FNCS	105	425	9	15	4	26	16	2	3	10	17	9	641
FS	762	580	65	211	42	70	3	2	11	7	33	50	1,836
FSA	17,434	417	226	207	172	92	24	17	65	10	38	35	18,737
FSIS	79	184	6	60	9	28	0	0	1	0	6	9	382
GIPSA	3	10	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	19
NAD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NRCS	101	96	21	25	2	14	0	0	1	1	4	7	272
OBPA	2	1	2	4	4	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	16
OCFO	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
OSEC/OCIO/DM	84	88	1	55	5	13	2	0	1	2	8	16	275
OGC	6	6	0	7	7	7	0	1	0	2	2	1	39
OIG	6	37	12	26	1	22	0	1	1	2	2	0	110
RD	200	96	18	43	6	18	2	0	2	1	3	13	402
REE	35	39	5	19	2	16	1	1	2	4	2	16	142
RMA	15	22	12	3	5	4	0	0	4	3	1	15	84
AGENCY OVERALL	19,049	2,446	399	836	291	367	49	29	98	63	151	228	24,006

V.B.(2). DISPOSITION OF FOIA REQUESTS – “OTHER” REASONS FOR “FULL DENIALS BASED ON REASONS OTHER THAN EXEMPTIONS”

Agency / Component	Description of “Other” Reasons for Denials from Chart B(1)	Number of Times "Other" Reason Was Relied Upon	TOTAL
AMS	Directed Requester to Publicly Available Information	8	8
APHIS	Directed Requester to Publicly Available Information	45	45
ASCR	Directed Requester to Publicly Available Information	3	3
FAS	N/A	0	0
FNCS	Directed Requester to Publicly Available Information	4	9
	Unable to Locate or Contact Requester	5	
FS	Directed Requester to Publicly Available Information	25	50
	Unable to Locate or Contact Requester	25	
FSA	Directed Requester to Publicly Available Information	21	35
	Unable to Locate or Contact Requester	14	
FSIS	Directed Requester to Publicly Available Information	6	9
	Unable to Locate or Contact Requester	3	
GIPSA	Directed Requester to Publicly Available Information	1	1
NAD	N/A	0	0
NRCS	Directed Requester to Publicly Available Information	7	7
OBPA	N/A	0	0
OCFO	N/A	0	0
OSEC/OCIO/DM	Directed Requester to Publicly Available Information	8	16
	Unable to Locate or Contact Requester	8	
OGC	Directed Requester to Publicly Available Information	1	1
OIG	N/A	0	0
RD	Directed Requester to Publicly Available Information	7	13

	Unable to Locate or Contact Requester	6	
REE	Directed Requester to Publicly Available Information	16	16
RMA	Directed Requester to Publicly Available Information	15	15
AGENCY OVERALL			228

V.B.(3). DISPOSITION OF FOIA REQUESTS -- NUMBER OF TIMES EXEMPTIONS APPLIED

Agency / Component	Ex. 1	Ex. 2	Ex. 3	Ex. 4	Ex. 5	Ex. 6	Ex. 7(A)	Ex. 7(B)	Ex. 7(C)	Ex. 7(D)	Ex. 7(E)	Ex. 7(F)	Ex. 8	Ex. 9
AMS	0	0	5	48	30	71	8	0	17	7	0	0	0	0
APHIS	0	0	11	27	36	334	20	0	202	10	5	1	0	0
ASCR	0	0	0	0	3	7	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
FAS	0	0	0	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FNCS	0	1	119	9	291	416	0	2	397	54	288	0	0	0
FS	0	0	35	111	159	468	42	3	132	1	36	42	3	5
FSA	0	80	291	10	17	293	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
FSIS	0	0	0	127	40	165	3	0	37	1	6	0	0	0
GIPSA	0	1	0	4	2	9	3	1	4	1	0	1	0	0
NAD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NRCS	0	2	64	12	19	70	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OBPA	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OCFO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OSEC/OCIO/DM	0	1	1	4	22	81	0	0	12	0	1	0	0	0
OGC	0	0	0	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
OIG	0	0	3	0	9	41	10	0	35	10	15	1	0	0
RD	0	0	2	63	21	65	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
REE	0	0	4	15	7	34	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
RMA	0	2	16	5	4	15	1	0	1	1	3	0	0	0
AGENCY OVERALL	0	87	551	438	669	2,073	94	6	851	85	355	46	3	5

**VI.A. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS OF INITIAL DETERMINATIONS OF FOIA REQUESTS
-- RECEIVED, PROCESSED, AND PENDING ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS**

Agency / Component	Number of Appeals Pending as of Start of Fiscal Year	Number of Appeals Received in Fiscal Year	Number of Appeals Processed in Fiscal Year	Number of Appeals Pending as of End of Fiscal Year
AMS	13	7	12	8
APHIS	82	24	22	84
ASCR	0	0	0	0
FAS	0	1	0	1
FNCS	332	186	97	421
FS	55	56	74	37
FSA	10	21	22	9
FSIS	1	5	5	1
GIPSA	3	0	0	3
NAD	0	0	0	0
NRCS	1	16	15	2
OBPA	0	0	0	0
OCFO	1	0	0	1
OSEC/OCIO/DM	5	3	2	6
OGC	2	6	5	3
OIG	2	8	10	0
RD	7	6	6	7
REE	1	7	5	3
RMA	30	3	8	25
AGENCY OVERALL	545	349	283	611

After reviewing their databases, AMS, APHIS, FAS, FNCS, FS, FSA, FSIS, GIPSA and OGC updated the number of appeals pending as of the start of the Fiscal Year.

VI.B. DISPOSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS -- ALL PROCESSED APPEALS

Agency / Component	Number Affirmed on Appeal	Number Partially Affirmed & Partially Reversed/Remanded on Appeal	Number Completely Reversed/Remanded on Appeal	Number of Appeals Closed for Other Reasons	TOTAL
AMS	2	7	2	1	12
APHIS	1	1	1	19	22
ASCR	0	0	0	0	0
FAS	0	0	0	0	0
FNCS	9	23	2	63	97
FS	9	26	11	28	74
FSA	2	6	2	12	22
FSIS	1	0	0	4	5
GIPSA	0	0	0	0	0
NAD	0	0	0	0	0
NRCS	4	7	1	3	15
OBPA	0	0	0	0	0
OCFO	0	0	0	0	0
OSEC/OCIO/DM	0	0	0	2	2
OGC	3	1	0	1	5
OIG	4	4	0	2	10
RD	0	1	0	5	6
REE	1	3	0	1	5
RMA	0	6	0	2	8
AGENCY OVERALL	36	85	19	143	283

VI.C.(1). REASONS FOR DENIAL ON APPEAL -- NUMBER OF TIMES EXEMPTIONS APPLIED

Agency / Component	Ex. 1	Ex. 2	Ex. 3	Ex. 4	Ex. 5	Ex. 6	Ex. 7(A)	Ex. 7(B)	Ex. 7(C)	Ex. 7(D)	Ex. 7(E)	Ex. 7(F)	Ex. 8	Ex. 9
AMS	0	0	0	1	2	8	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
APHIS	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ASCR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FAS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FNCS	0	0	2	0	14	32	0	0	32	8	16	0	0	0
FS	0	0	1	4	19	26	1	0	11	0	2	1	0	1
FSA	0	0	5	0	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FSIS	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GIPSA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NAD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NRCS	0	0	8	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OBPA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OCFO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OSEC/OCIO/DM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OGC	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OIG	0	0	0	1	0	7	0	0	7	1	4	0	0	0
RD	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
REE	0	0	0	1	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RMA	0	0	5	4	5	5	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0
AGENCY OVERALL	0	0	21	13	50	94	2	0	50	10	28	1	0	1

VI.C.(2). REASONS FOR DENIAL ON APPEAL -- REASONS OTHER THAN EXEMPTIONS

Agency / Component	No Records	Records Referred at Initial Request Level	Request Withdrawn	Fee-Related Reason	Records not Reasonably Described	Improper Request for Other Reasons	Not Agency Record	Duplicate Request or Appeal	Request in Litigation	Appeal Based Solely on Denial of Request for Expedited Processing	Other *Explain in chart below
AMS	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
APHIS	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	1	2	0	11
ASCR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FAS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FNCS	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	58
FS	14	0	3	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	6
FSA	4	0	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
FSIS	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
GIPSA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NAD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NRCS	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
OBPA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OCFO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OSEC/OCIO/DM	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OGC	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OIG	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
RD	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
REE	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RMA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
AGENCY OVERALL	21	1	24	0	2	4	0	7	2	1	81

VI.C.(3). REASONS FOR DENIAL ON APPEAL -- "OTHER" REASONS

Agency / Component	Description of "Other" Reasons for Denial on Appeal from Chart C(2)	Number of Times "Other" Reason Was Relied Upon	TOTAL
APHIS	Moot	3	11
	Unable to Locate or Contact the Requester	8	
FNCS	Moot	1	58
	Unable to Locate or Contact the Requester	54	
	Untimely	3	
FS	Moot	3	6
	Unable to Locate or Contact the Requester	2	
	Untimely	1	
FSIS	Moot	1	1
NRCS	Moot	1	1
RD	Unable to Locate or Contact the Requester	2	2
RMA	Unable to Locate or Contact the Requester	2	2
AMS	N/A	0	0
ASCR	N/A	0	0
FAS	N/A	0	0
FSA	N/A	0	0
GIPSA	N/A	0	0
NAD	N/A	0	0
OBPA	N/A	0	0
OCFO	N/A	0	0
OSEC/OCIO/DM	N/A	0	0

OGC	N/A	0	0
OIG	N/A	0	0
REE	N/A	0	0
AGENCY OVERALL			81

VI.C.(4). RESPONSE TIME FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

Agency / Component	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days
AMS	200.00	297.39	70.00	716.00
APHIS	1,734.50	1,541.91	3.00	2,620.00
ASCR	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FAS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FNCS	517.00	490.66	23.00	1,015.00
FS	156.50	278.83	1.00	1,754.00
FSA	52.50	62.27	2.00	255.00
FSIS	14.00	30.40	5.00	79.00
GIPSA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
NAD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
NRCS	24.75	24.61	<1	38.00
OBPA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OCFO	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OSEC/OCIO/DM	96.50	96.50	26.00	167.00
OGC	54.25	71.25	5.00	253.00
OIG	20.00	19.20	16.00	20.00
RD	261.00	293.13	5.00	812.00
REE	75.25	84.42	41.00	174.00
RMA	1,266.50	1,157.25	193.00	1,859.00
AGENCY OVERALL	209.50	344.68	1.00	2,620.00

	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1302
OSEC/OCIO/DM	Date of Appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2017-09-19	2017-06-07	2015-01-30	2014-05-09	2014-04-14	2012-04-02
	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	8	80	670	851	870	1378
OGC	Date of Appeal	N/A	2017-06-09	2017-05-15	2017-04-12						
	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	96	119
OIG	Date of Appeal	N/A									
	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RD	Date of Appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	2017-08-11	2017-04-24	2017-04-06	2017-01-07	2016-10-18	2015-11-30	2015-10-13
	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	34	111	123	183	238	461	493
REE	Date of Appeal	N/A	2017-09-18	2017-09-13	2017-09-05						
	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	12	18
RMA	Date of Appeal	2012-01-26	2011-12-13	2011-12-13	2011-12-13	2011-12-13	2011-09-20	2011-09-01	2011-08-18	2011-03-17	2010-12-16
	Number of Days Pending	1424	1453	1453	1453	1453	1510	1522	1532	1640	1701
AGENCY OVERALL	Date of Appeal	2011-07-08	2011-05-16	2011-04-29	2011-03-22	2011-03-17	2010-12-16	2010-05-05	2009-12-19	2009-08-20	2007-01-16
	Number of Days Pending	1561	1598	1609	1637	1640	1701	1856	1949	2032	2686

VII.A. FOIA REQUESTS -- RESPONSE TIME FOR ALL PROCESSED PERFECTED REQUESTS

Agency / Component	SIMPLE				COMPLEX				EXPEDITED PROCESSING			
	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days
AMS	27	71.45	<1	756	109.5	167.83	4	504	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
APHIS	66	109.82	<1	1191	163.5	261.51	4	1378	19	34.38	12	149
ASCR	1.5	5.12	<1	21	19	25	8	46	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FAS	20	26.04	1	76	45	39.67	17	57	18.5	34	15	84
FNCS	17	23.4	<1	541	65	74	30	136	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FS	20	48.26	<1	1311	47.5	115.95	<1	1332	12	15.71	5	36
FSA	1	0.51	<1	392	10	33.52	<1	948	1	1	1	1
FSIS	47	81.93	<1	846	266	336.5	37	867	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
GIPSA	27	50.4	22	138	16	25.46	<1	106	115	115	115	115
NAD	N/A	N/A										
NRCS	13	40.07	<1	568	26	162.77	<1	800	16.5	16.5	15	18
OBPA	4	6.73	<1	20	34	34	34	34	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OCFO	7.5	7.5	7	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OSEC/OCIO/DM	13	24.77	<1	469	38.5	78.77	<1	1894	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OGC	214	360.86	<1	1252	52	315.7	<1	1278	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OIG	33.5	88.73	1	713	138	324.59	13	1261	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
RD	16	30.07	<1	529	39	66.52	4	438	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
REE	17.5	19.67	<1	136	79	93.73	<1	296	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
RMA	9	64.14	<1	816	12	83.17	<1	1081	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
AGENCY OVERALL	1	11.09	1	1311	25	88.22	1	1894	19	26.76	1	149

VII.B. PROCESSED REQUESTS -- RESPONSE TIME FOR PERFECTED REQUESTS IN WHICH INFORMATION WAS GRANTED

Agency / Component	SIMPLE				COMPLEX				EXPEDITED PROCESSING			
	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days
AMS	34	79.94	<1	540	199	242.38	29	504	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
APHIS	81	123.64	1	1191	177	266.1	4	1322	19	34.38	12	149
ASCR	8	9.11	<1	19	22	28.4	15	46	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FAS	37.5	43.17	12	76	57	57	57	57	18.5	34	15	84
FNCS	17	21.46	1	448	65	74	30	136	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FS	20	45.72	<1	1285	53	119.37	<1	1332	9	12.4	5	22
FSA	1	0.43	<1	392	13	23.36	<1	394	1	1	1	1
FSIS	52	83.98	2	846	266	336.5	37	867	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
GIPSA	32.5	32.5	25	40	17	29.55	5	106	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NAD	N/A	N/A										
NRCS	13	27.82	<1	515	32	228.22	7	800	16.5	16.5	15	18
OBPA	9	9	4	14	34	34	34	34	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OCFO	7	7	7	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OSEC/OCIO/DM	14	26.74	1	469	48	97.22	3	1894	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OGC	115	374.78	<1	1173	773	563	27	889	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OIG	24	29	5	53	155	308.27	13	1261	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
RD	15.5	31.95	<1	529	45	59.42	4	143	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
REE	21.5	26.13	<1	136	98.5	111.58	33	296	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
RMA	16	93.1	<1	816	20	96.75	1	1081	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
AGENCY OVERALL	1	8.4	1	1285	29	92.01	1	1894	18.5	23	1	149

VII.C. PROCESSED SIMPLE REQUESTS -- RESPONSE TIME IN DAY INCREMENTS

Agency / Component	<1-20 Days	21-40 Days	41-60 Days	61-80 Days	81-100 Days	101-120 Days	121-140 Days	141-160 Days	161-180 Days	181-200 Days	201-300 Days	301-400 Days	401+ Days	TOTAL
AMS	73	39	17	10	2	4	2	7	3	5	11	2	5	180
APHIS	169	65	79	73	62	41	35	16	15	11	51	20	31	668
ASCR	23	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
FAS	12	6	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
FNCS	451	138	19	5	6	2	1	0	1	1	4	0	4	632
FS	737	271	113	51	33	22	24	14	15	8	20	5	25	1,338
FSA	17,900	64	6	2	1	1	2	2	1	3	5	1	0	17,988
FSIS	73	86	65	40	23	13	14	8	8	5	24	11	5	375
GIPSA	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
NAD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NRCS	175	40	8	5	6	4	1	2	0	1	6	2	6	256
OBPA	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
OCFO	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
OSEC/OCIO/DM	99	26	8	2	1	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	142
OGC	7	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	4	3	8	28
OIG	18	12	6	4	3	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	4	52
RD	247	68	28	10	7	2	3	2	0	5	3	1	3	379
REE	75	36	7	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	124
RMA	30	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	44
AGENCY OVERALL	20,106	863	365	208	145	96	85	52	44	39	132	46	95	22,276

VII.C. PROCESSED COMPLEX REQUESTS -- RESPONSE TIME IN DAY INCREMENTS

Agency / Component	<1-20 Days	21-40 Days	41-60 Days	61-80 Days	81-100 Days	101-120 Days	121-140 Days	141-160 Days	161-180 Days	181-200 Days	201-300 Days	301-400 Days	401+ Days	TOTAL
AMS	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	12
APHIS	5	12	8	10	5	3	6	5	3	2	20	7	22	108
ASCR	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
FAS	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
FNCS	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
FS	131	84	56	39	23	14	19	14	11	12	38	10	27	478
FSA	419	125	22	12	6	5	7	3	1	2	7	9	9	627
FSIS	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	6
GIPSA	8	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
NAD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NRCS	6	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	13
OBPA	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
OCFO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OSEC/OCIO/DM	39	30	24	9	9	3	1	2	2	5	4	1	3	132
OGC	4	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	10
OIG	2	3	7	9	1	4	4	2	1	0	1	3	19	56
RD	7	4	3	2	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	21
REE	2	1	2	3	1	2	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	15
RMA	23	7	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	36
AGENCY OVERALL	653	278	129	86	49	37	39	28	19	23	75	33	92	1,541

VII.C. PROCESSED REQUESTS GRANTED EXPEDITED PROCESSING -- RESPONSE TIME IN DAY INCREMENTS

Agency / Component	<1-20 Days	21-40 Days	41-60 Days	61-80 Days	81-100 Days	101-120 Days	121-140 Days	141-160 Days	161-180 Days	181-200 Days	201-300 Days	301-400 Days	401+ Days	TOTAL
AMS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
APHIS	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8
ASCR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FAS	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
FNCS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FS	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
FSA	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
FSIS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GIPSA	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
NAD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NRCS	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
OBPA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OCFO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OSEC/OCIO/DM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OGC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OIG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
REE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RMA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AGENCY OVERALL	20	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	25

VII.D. PENDING REQUESTS -- ALL PENDING PERFECTED REQUESTS

Agency / Component	SIMPLE			COMPLEX			EXPEDITED PROCESSING		
	Number Pending	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Number Pending	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Number Pending	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days
AMS	36	33	89	1	355	355	0	N/A	N/A
APHIS	1577	130	196	36	577.5	598	2	165	165
ASCR	3	38	94	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
FAS	5	19	42	5	134	120	3	166	167
FNCS	118	25	83	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
FS	321	57	133	127	129	182	1	86	86
FSA	22	107.5	188.41	60	20.5	84.65	0	N/A	N/A
FSIS	48	45	60	1	1	1	0	N/A	N/A
GIPSA	2	98	98	6	73.5	84	0	N/A	N/A
NAD	10	939.5	896	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
NRCS	40	23.5	37	4	22	24	0	N/A	N/A
OBPA	1	1	1	5	20	76	0	N/A	N/A
OCFO	28	238	437	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
OSEC/OCIO/DM	50	61	72.56	66	54.5	68.5	0	N/A	N/A
OGC	37	141	270	28	154.5	201	2	106.5	106
OIG	1	1	1	82	314.5	444	0	N/A	N/A
RD	42	36	92	11	125	143	0	N/A	N/A
REE	4	18	30	2	94.5	94	0	N/A	N/A
RMA	9	19	153	6	103	188	0	N/A	N/A
AGENCY OVERALL	2354	114	176.16	440	93	181.05	8	151.5	141.38

VII.E. PENDING REQUESTS -- TEN OLDEST PENDING PERFECTED REQUESTS

Agency / Component		10th Oldest Request	9th	8th	7th	6th	5th	4th	3rd	2nd	Oldest Request
AMS	Date of Receipt	2017-04-27	2017-03-29	2017-03-13	2017-03-10	2017-01-31	2016-07-18	2016-05-02	2016-03-22	2015-12-09	2015-11-19
	Number of Days Pending	108	129	141	142	169	302	355	384	454	467
APHIS	Date of Receipt	2013-05-16	2013-04-30	2013-04-23	2013-04-08	2013-04-01	2013-03-14	2012-12-14	2012-09-26	2012-05-01	2011-12-01
	Number of Days Pending	1097	1109	1114	1125	1130	1142	1200	1254	1357	1461
ASCR	Date of Receipt	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2017-09-05	2017-08-07	2016-11-02
	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	38	227
FAS	Date of Receipt	2017-08-25	2017-06-23	2017-04-27	2017-04-12	2017-03-22	2017-03-22	2017-03-22	2017-02-03	2017-01-23	2016-11-01
	Number of Days Pending	24	68	108	119	134	134	134	166	175	228
FNCS	Date of Receipt	2016-11-30	2016-11-29	2016-10-21	2016-01-20	2016-01-20	2015-11-17	2015-11-02	2014-11-14	2014-09-30	2014-07-17
	Number of Days Pending	209	210	235	427	427	469	479	721	752	804
FS	Date of Receipt	2014-07-09	2014-07-08	2014-04-22	2013-10-28	2013-09-20	2013-09-12	2013-07-12	2013-06-24	2013-05-02	2013-04-24
	Number of Days Pending	810	811	864	984	1009	1015	1058	1071	1107	1113
FSA	Date of Receipt	2016-10-03	2016-09-19	2016-06-13	2015-10-13	2015-09-30	2015-06-10	2015-01-26	2015-01-22	2013-01-17	2012-12-19
	Number of Days Pending	248	260	326	493	501	579	674	676	1179	1197
FSIS	Date of Receipt	2017-04-17	2017-04-13	2017-04-13	2017-04-11	2017-04-06	2017-03-08	2017-03-06	2017-01-04	2016-11-29	2016-08-12
	Number of Days Pending	116	118	118	120	123	144	146	186	210	283
GIPSA	Date of Receipt	N/A	N/A	2017-09-11	2017-07-18	2017-07-10	2017-07-10	2017-05-24	2017-05-12	2017-02-22	2017-01-10
	Number of Days Pending	0	0	14	52	58	58	89	97	154	182
NAD	Date of Receipt	2017-02-14	2014-12-11	2014-07-15	2014-04-16	2014-02-12	2013-11-21	2013-09-03	2013-07-09	2012-11-19	2012-10-01
	Number of Days Pending	159	703	806	868	912	967	1022	1061	1218	1251
NRCS	Date of Receipt	2017-07-18	2017-07-13	2017-07-06	2017-06-19	2017-06-05	2017-06-05	2017-06-05	2017-06-05	2017-04-24	2016-06-06
	Number of Days Pending	52	55	60	72	82	82	82	82	111	331
OBPA	Date of Receipt	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2017-09-28	2017-09-26	2017-09-06	2017-08-31	2017-02-06	2017-01-18
	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	1	3	17	20	165	177
OCFO	Date of Receipt	2015-01-12	2014-10-07	2014-09-22	2014-06-23	2014-02-12	2013-11-21	2013-11-05	2013-09-23	2013-09-03	2012-11-19

	Number of Days Pending	683	747	758	821	912	967	978	1008	1022	1218
OSEC/OCIO/DM	Date of Receipt	2017-02-14	2017-02-09	2017-02-02	2017-01-25	2017-01-18	2017-01-06	2016-12-20	2016-12-09	2016-10-28	2016-04-26
	Number of Days Pending	159	162	167	173	177	184	195	202	230	359
OGC	Date of Receipt	2015-06-25	2015-06-18	2015-06-15	2015-04-22	2015-01-26	2014-12-08	2014-11-25	2013-09-25	2013-07-05	2011-12-01
	Number of Days Pending	568	573	576	613	674	706	714	1006	1063	1461
OIG	Date of Receipt	2013-08-22	2013-04-20	2013-01-22	2012-12-10	2012-11-13	2012-10-08	2012-08-22	2012-08-21	2012-06-19	2012-06-12
	Number of Days Pending	1046	1132	1195	1223	1241	1265	1297	1298	1342	1347
RD	Date of Receipt	2016-12-23	2016-11-29	2016-10-21	2016-10-14	2016-08-22	2016-06-13	2016-06-02	2015-10-26	2015-06-02	2015-03-13
	Number of Days Pending	192	210	235	240	277	326	333	484	585	641
REE	Date of Receipt	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2017-09-29	2017-09-26	2017-09-01	2017-08-14	2017-06-01	2017-01-30
	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	0	3	19	33	84	170
RMA	Date of Receipt	2017-09-01	2017-09-01	2017-07-14	2017-06-29	2017-03-22	2017-03-10	2017-03-03	2016-09-19	2014-11-13	2014-01-17
	Number of Days Pending	19	19	54	64	134	142	147	258	722	929
AGENCY OVERALL	Date of Receipt	2012-11-13	2012-09-26	2012-09-08	2012-08-22	2012-08-21	2012-06-19	2012-06-12	2012-05-01	2011-12-01	2011-12-01
	Number of Days Pending	1241	1254	1265	1297	1298	1342	1347	1357	1461	1461

VIII.A. REQUESTS FOR EXPEDITED PROCESSING

Agency / Component	Number Granted	Number Denied	Median Number of Days to Adjudicate	Average Number of Days to Adjudicate	Number Adjudicated Within Ten Calendar Days
AMS	0	4	265	263.75	0
APHIS	3	56	7	14.76	46
ASCR	0	1	2	2	1
FAS	8	0	7.5	29.5	5
FNCS	0	4	45	65.25	1
FS	7	17	10	11.33	12
FSA	3	309	1	4.96	296
FSIS	0	11	0	43.55	10
GIPSA	1	0	164	164	0
NAD	0	0	N/A	N/A	0
NRCS	3	3	15	15.33	2
OBPA	0	1	20	20	0
OCFO	0	0	N/A	N/A	0
OSEC/OCIO/DM	0	18	7	6.44	15
OGC	2	1	0	54.67	2
OIG	0	1	6	6	1
RD	0	1	14	14	0
REE	0	0	N/A	N/A	0
RMA	0	2	4	4	2
AGENCY OVERALL	27	429	1	11.65	393

VIII.B. REQUESTS FOR FEE WAIVER

Agency / Component	Number Granted	Number Denied	Median Number of Days to Adjudicate	Average Number of Days to Adjudicate
AMS	8	0	177.5	136.88
APHIS	36	11	19	40.32
ASCR	2	0	2.5	2.5
FAS	10	0	7	12.6
FNCS	8	1	1	1
FS	168	12	1	33.95
FSA	937	76	1	1.47
FSIS	83	6	0	0.64
GIPSA	1	0	115	115
NAD	0	0	N/A	N/A
NRCS	13	0	10	14.46
OBPA	2	0	15.5	15.5
OCFO	0	0	N/A	N/A
OSEC/OCIO/DM	21	6	5	14.11
OGC	1	2	1	1
OIG	0	0	N/A	N/A
RD	14	0	19	21.57
REE	5	0	1	1
RMA	3	0	4	3.67
AGENCY OVERALL	1,312	114	1	8.28

IX. FOIA PERSONNEL AND COSTS

Agency / Component	PERSONNEL			COSTS		
	Number of "Full-Time FOIA Employees"	Number of "Equivalent Full-Time FOIA Employees"	Total Number of "Full-Time FOIA Staff"	Processing Costs	Litigation-Related Costs	Total Costs
AMS	4	4.6	8.6	\$774,147.00	\$31,682.81	\$805,829.81
APHIS	23	0	23	\$2,743,298.94	\$10,000.00	\$2,753,298.94
ASCR	1	0	1	\$121,130.86	\$0.00	\$121,130.86
FAS	2	0	2	\$162,703.00	\$0.00	\$162,703.00
FNCS	7	6.39	13.39	\$167,263.72	\$0.00	\$167,263.72
FS	15	21.47	36.47	\$3,991,579.00	\$526.00	\$3,992,105.00
FSA	11	27.2	38.2	\$2,612,308.97	\$0.00	\$2,612,308.97
FSIS	7	0	7	\$1,089,818.00	\$0.00	\$1,089,818.00
GIPSA	0.5	0	0.5	\$106,261.00	\$0.00	\$106,261.00
NAD	0	0.25	0.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NRCS	2	16.5	18.5	\$826,780.00	\$42,298.00	\$869,078.00
OBPA	0	0.5	0.5	\$11,978.00	\$0.00	\$11,978.00
OCFO	0	0.25	0.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
OSEC/OCIO/DM	3.5	0	3.5	\$1,537,864.00	\$0.00	\$1,537,864.00
OGC	6	0	6	\$228,307.00	\$772,296.50	\$1,000,603.50
OIG	1.8	2.8	4.6	\$537,454.30	\$167,405.88	\$704,860.18
RD	5	10	15	\$1,688,530.00	\$0.00	\$1,688,530.00
REE	1	0	1	\$125,741.70	\$0.00	\$125,741.70
RMA	1	1.3	2.3	\$206,575.00	\$0.00	\$206,575.00
AGENCY OVERALL	90.8	91.26	182.06	\$16,931,740.49	\$1,024,209.19	\$17,955,949.68

X. FEES COLLECTED FOR PROCESSING REQUESTS

Agency / Component	Total Amount of Fees Collected	Percentage of Total Costs
AMS	\$0.00	0.00%
APHIS	\$0.00	0.00%
ASCR	\$0.00	0.00%
FAS	\$0.00	0.00%
FNCS	\$29,926.36	17.89%
FS	\$4,992.85	0.13%
FSA	\$18,841.95	0.72%
FSIS	\$0.00	0.00%
GIPSA	\$0.00	0.00%
NAD	\$0.00	0.00%
NRCS	\$1,914.38	0.23%
OBPA	\$0.00	0.00%
OCFO	\$0.00	0.00%
OSEC/OCIO/DM	\$0.00	0.00%
OGC	\$0.00	0.00%
OIG	\$0.00	0.00%
RD	\$1,280.73	0.08%
REE	\$927.76	0.74%
RMA	\$1,207.10	0.58%
AGENCY OVERALL	\$59,091.13	0.35%

XI.A. NUMBER OF TIMES SUBSECTION USED

Agency / Component	Number of Times Subsection Used
AMS	0
APHIS	0
ASCR	0
FAS	0
FNCS	0
FS	0
FSA	0
FSIS	0
GIPSA	0
NAD	0
NRCS	0
OBPA	0
OCFO	0
OSEC/OCIO/DM	0
OGC	0
OIG	0
RD	0
REE	0
RMA	0
AGENCY OVERALL	0

XI.B. NUMBER OF SUBSECTION POSTINGS

Agency / Component	Number of Records Posted by the FOIA Office	Number of Records Posted by Program Offices
AMS	1	223
APHIS	0	0
ASCR	0	0
FAS	0	0
FNCS	0	532
FS	0	13,257
FSA	0	0
FSIS	0	0
GIPSA	0	26
NAD	0	0
NRCS	227	1,171
OBPA	0	43
OCFO	0	2
OSEC/OCIO/DM	1	192
OGC	0	0
OIG	0	0
RD	15	2,150
REE	0	4
RMA	227	338
AGENCY OVERALL	471	17,938

XII.A. BACKLOGS OF FOIA REQUESTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

Agency / Component	Number of Backlogged Requests as of End of Fiscal Year	Number of Backlogged Appeals as of End of Fiscal Year
AMS	28	8
APHIS	1,534	84
ASCR	2	0
FAS	10	1
FNCS	70	409
FS	324	34
FSA	33	7
FSIS	29	0
GIPSA	7	3
NAD	10	0
NRCS	22	1
OBPA	3	0
OCFO	28	0
OSEC/OCIO/DM	89	5
OGC	53	3
OIG	78	0
RD	41	5
REE	3	0
RMA	7	23
AGENCY OVERALL	2,371	583

XII.B. CONSULTATIONS ON FOIA REQUESTS -- RECEIVED, PROCESSED, AND PENDING CONSULTATIONS

Agency / Component	Number of Consultations Received from Other Agencies that were <u>Pending</u> at the Agency as of <u>Start</u> of the Fiscal Year	Number of Consultations <u>Received</u> from Other Agencies During the Fiscal Year	Number of Consultations Received from Other Agencies that were <u>Processed</u> by the Agency During the Fiscal Year	Number of Consultations Received from Other Agencies that were <u>Pending</u> at the Agency as of <u>End</u> of the Fiscal Year
AMS	0	5	5	0
APHIS	6	16	21	1
ASCR	0	0	0	0
FAS	0	3	3	0
FNCS	0	0	0	0
FS	4	27	30	1
FSA	2	14	14	2
FSIS	0	0	0	0
GIPSA	0	0	0	0
NAD	0	0	0	0
NRCS	0	0	0	0
OBPA	0	2	1	1
OCFO	0	0	0	0
OSEC/OCIO/DM	0	18	18	0
OGC	1	8	4	5
OIG	2	2	4	0
RD	2	2	3	1
REE	0	4	4	0
RMA	0	1	1	0
AGENCY OVERALL	17	102	108	11

After reviewing their databases, FSA, OGC, and RD updated the number of consultations pending as of the start of the Fiscal Year.

OCFO	Date	N/A									
	Number of Days	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OSEC/OCIO/DM	Date	N/A									
	Number of Days	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OGC	Date	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2017-08-11	2017-07-13	2017-05-30	2017-03-27	2015-11-13
	Number of Days	0	0	0	0	0	34	55	86	131	471
OIG	Date	N/A									
	Number of Days	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RD	Date	N/A	2012-04-11								
	Number of Days	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1371
REE	Date	N/A									
	Number of Days	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RMA	Date	N/A									
	Number of Days	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AGENCY OVERALL	Date	2017-07-13	2017-07-11	2017-05-30	2017-03-27	2016-04-06	2015-11-13	2015-04-15	2013-01-25	2012-08-30	2012-04-11
	Number of Days	55	57	86	131	373	471	618	1177	1276	1371

XII.D.(1). COMPARISON OF NUMBERS OF REQUESTS FROM PREVIOUS AND CURRENT ANNUAL REPORT -- REQUESTS RECEIVED AND PROCESSED

Agency / Component	NUMBER OF REQUESTS <u>RECEIVED</u>		NUMBER OF REQUESTS <u>PROCESSED</u>	
	Number Received During Fiscal Year from Last Year's Annual Report	Number Received During Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report	Number Processed During Fiscal Year from Last Year's Annual Report	Number Processed During Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report
AMS	153	181	134	193
APHIS	1,143	1,762	1,008	794
ASCR	21	32	21	31
FAS	9	41	1	31
FNCS	515	690	526	641
FS	1,977	1,832	1,757	1,836
FSA	18,463	19,066	18,104	18,737
FSIS	337	350	376	382
GIPSA	39	24	38	19
NAD	0	1	0	0
NRCS	282	278	294	272
OBPA	15	22	15	16
OCFO	2	17	0	2
OSEC/OCIO/DM	205	379	222	275
OGC	16	70	8	39
OIG	95	97	97	110
RD	396	393	331	402
REE	117	138	115	142
RMA	85	88	87	84
AGENCY OVERALL	23,870	25,461	23,134	24,006

XII.D.(2). COMPARISON OF NUMBERS OF REQUESTS FROM PREVIOUS AND CURRENT ANNUAL REPORT -- BACKLOGGED REQUESTS

Agency / Component	Number of Backlogged Requests as of End of the Fiscal Year from Previous Annual Report	Number of Backlogged Requests as of End of the Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report
AMS	35	28
APHIS	581	1,534
ASCR	0	2
FAS	8	10
FNCS	22	70
FS	477	324
FSA	60	33
FSIS	63	29
GIPSA	1	7
NAD	9	10
NRCS	24	22
OBPA	0	3
OCFO	3	28
OSEC/OCIO/DM	10	89
OGC	29	53
OIG	89	78
RD	70	41
REE	4	3
RMA	8	7
AGENCY OVERALL	1,493	2,371

XII.E.(1). COMPARISON OF NUMBERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS FROM PREVIOUS AND CURRENT ANNUAL REPORT -- APPEALS RECEIVED AND PROCESSED

Agency / Component	NUMBER OF APPEALS <u>RECEIVED</u>		NUMBER OF APPEALS <u>PROCESSED</u>	
	Number Received During Fiscal Year from Last Year's Annual Report	Number Received During Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report	Number Processed During Fiscal Year from Last Year's Annual Report	Number Processed During Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report
AMS	9	7	7	12
APHIS	7	24	11	22
ASCR	0	0	0	0
FAS	0	1	0	0
FNCS	165	186	9	97
FS	68	56	90	74
FSA	20	21	14	22
FSIS	9	5	11	5
GIPSA	5	0	2	0
NAD	0	0	0	0
NRCS	10	16	12	15
OBPA	0	0	0	0
OCFO	0	0	0	0
OSEC/OCIO/DM	1	3	4	2
OGC	1	6	1	5
OIG	12	8	12	10
RD	10	6	9	6
REE	5	7	4	5
RMA	3	3	6	8
AGENCY OVERALL	325	349	192	283

XII.E.(2). COMPARISON OF NUMBERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS FROM PREVIOUS AND CURRENT ANNUAL REPORT -- BACKLOGGED APPEALS

Agency / Component	Number of Backlogged Appeals as of End of the Fiscal Year from Previous Annual Report	Number of Backlogged Appeals as of End of the Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report
AMS	14	8
APHIS	83	84
ASCR	0	0
FAS	0	1
FNCS	322	409
FS	51	34
FSA	4	7
FSIS	0	0
GIPSA	3	3
NAD	0	0
NRCS	0	1
OBPA	0	0
OCFO	0	0
OSEC/OCIO/DM	5	5
OGC	2	3
OIG	0	0
RD	6	5
REE	1	0
RMA	30	23
AGENCY OVERALL	521	583

