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Washington, D.C.
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Ms. Patricia Bewley
1132 E. Grandview Road
Phoenix, Arizona 85022

RE: FOIA #04-037
Length of Employment

Dear Ms. Bewley:

This is in response to your October 23, 2003, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for details on the average length of employment of USDA inspectors at equine slaughterhouses.

A search of the Food Safety and Inspection Service files resulted in a negative finding. Therefore, we have a "No Records" response.

You have the right to appeal the adequacy of the search. Your appeal must be in writing within 45 days from the date of this letter and should be directed to:

Garry L. McKee, Ph.D., M.P.H.
Administrator
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Room 1140 South Building
Washington, DC 20250-3700

Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "FOIA APPEAL." In the event, you are dissatisfied with the results of any such appeal, you then have the right to judicial review in Federal Court.

Please contact the FOIA Office at (202) 720-2109, if you have any questions concerning this request.

Sincerely,

Barbara McNiff
Director
Executive Correspondence and
Issues Management Staff