

# U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

## Freedom of Information Act Annual Report FY 2021

### I. Basic Information Regarding Report

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### III. Agency Component Abbreviations

| Component Abbreviation | Component Name                                     |
|------------------------|--|
| AMS                    | Agricultural Marketing Service                     |
| APHIS                  | Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service         |
| DA                     | Departmental Administration                        |
| FAS                    | Foreign Agricultural Service                       |
| FNS                    | Food and Nutrition Service                         |
| FS                     | Forest Service                                     |
| FSA                    | Farm Service Agency                                |
| FSIS                   | Food Safety and Inspection Service                 |
| NRCS                   | Natural Resources Conservation Service             |
| OASCR                  | Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights |
| OBPA                   | Office of Budget & Program Analysis                |
| OCFO                   | Office of the Chief Financial Officer              |
| OGC                    | Office of the General Counsel                      |
| OHA                    | Office of Hearings and Appeals                     |
| OIG                    | Office of the Inspector General                    |
| OSEC                   | Office of the Secretary                            |
| RD                     | Rural Development                                  |
| REE                    | Research, Education, and Economics                 |
| RMA                    | Risk Management Agency                             |

#### 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 |
|-------------------------------|--|--|--------------------|---|---|
| 16 U.S.C. § 470hh             | 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); Starkey v. U.S. Dep't of the Interior, 238 F. Supp. 2d 1188, 1193-94 (S.D. Cal. 2002). | FS                 | 29  | 29  |
| 41 U.S.C. § 4702 (formerly at | Contractor proposals that are in the possession or control of an executive agency and that have not been set | Sinkerfield v. HUD, No. 10-885, 2012 U.S. Dist. Lexis 35233, at *13-   | FS                 | 1   | 16  |
|                               |  |  | FSIS               | 1   |   |
|                               |  |  | OSEC               | 1   |   |

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|-------------------------|--|--|-------|-----|-----|
| 41 U.S.C. § 253b(m)(1)) | forth or incorporated by reference into contracts.   | 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 granted, No. 03-5257, 2004 WL 1900562 (D.C. Cir. Aug. 25, 2004). | RD    | 1   |     |
|                         |  |  | AMS   | 12  |     |
| 7 U.S.C. § 1502(c)(1)   | Certain information furnished by a producer under the Federal Crop Insurance Act.                | Bush v. U.S. Dep't of Agric., No. 16-4128, 2017 WL 3568672, at *7 (N.D. Iowa Aug. 17, 2017).   | RMA   | 4   | 4   |
| 7 U.S.C. § 8791(b)(2)   | “[I]nformation provided by an agricultural producer or owner of agricultural land concerning the | Cent. Platte Nat. Res. Dist. V. U.S. Dep't of Agric., 643 F.3d 1142,   | APHIS | 30  | 296 |
|                         |  |  | FSA   | 211 |     |
|                         |  |  | NRCS  | 55  |     |

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|                       | agricultural operation, farming or conservation practices, or the land itself, in order to participate in programs of the Department” or “geospatial information...maintained by the Secretary about agricultural land or operations.” | 1147-48 (8th Cir. 2011); 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). |     |   |   |
| 5 U.S.C. § 574(j)     | Dispute resolution communications.   | N/A   | AMS | 2 | 2 |
| 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).   | FNS | 5 | 5 |
| 7 U.S.C. § 2276(a)(2) | “[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      | Strunk v. U.S. Dept. of Interior, 752 F. Supp. 2d 39, 44-45 (D.D.C. 2010).  | AMS | 1 | 9 |
|                       |  |   | REE | 8 |   |

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|                       | person who supplied the particular information.”   |  |     |   |   |
| 15 U.S.C. § 638(k)(4) | Information contained within a Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) program evaluation databases. | N/A  | REE | 3 | 3 |
| 19 U.S.C. §2155(g)    | Certain information in connection with trade negotiations that is “submitted in confidence”  | Intell. Prop. Watch v. U.S. Trade Representative, 205 F. Supp. 3d 334, 345-46 (S.D.N.Y. 2016). | FAS | 5 | 5 |

**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                | 68  | 259  | 279   | 48  |
| APHIS              | 616   | 825  | 1014  | 427   |
| DA                 | 165   | 156  | 249   | 72  |
| FAS                | 34  | 35   | 39  | 30  |
| FNS                | 649   | 276  | 428   | 497   |
| FS                 | 788   | 1849                                       | 1817  | 820   |
| FSA                | 3864  | 15848                                      | 16147                                       | 3565  |
| FSIS               | 291   | 466  | 501   | 256   |
| NRCS               | 23  | 219  | 228   | 14  |
| OASCR              | 16  | 50   | 49  | 17  |
| OBPA               | 2   | 10   | 11  | 1   |
| OCFO               | 1   | 53   | 48  | 6   |
| OGC                | 23  | 37   | 33  | 27  |
| OHA                | 0   | 59   | 58  | 1   |
| OIG                | 77  | 136  | 155   | 58  |
| OSEC               | 99  | 126  | 181   | 44  |
| RD                 | 99  | 377  | 384   | 92  |

|                |      |       |       |      |
|----------------|------|-------|-------|------|
| REE            | 41   | 127   | 151   | 17   |
| RMA            | 1    | 48    | 43    | 6    |
| AGENCY OVERALL | 6857 | 20956 | 21815 | 5998 |

*After reviewing its database, USDA updated the number of requests pending at the start of the Fiscal Year for the following components: FNS, FSA, and REE.*



**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                | 72                    | 125  | 5  | 38  | 1   | 25                | 0                  | 3                                | 1                                      | 7                 | 0                 | 2                             | 279   |
| APHIS              | 197                   | 480  | 14   | 189   | 27  | 53                | 0                  | 6                                | 4                                      | 26                | 10                | 8                             | 1014  |
| DA                 | 21                    | 84   | 6  | 32  | 0   | 89                | 1                  | 2                                | 3                                      | 0                 | 8                 | 3                             | 249   |
| FAS                | 3                     | 12   | 1  | 5   | 1   | 7                 | 0                  | 2                                | 6                                      | 0                 | 2                 | 0                             | 39    |
| FNS                | 45                    | 149  | 7  | 34  | 2   | 172               | 0                  | 6                                | 0                                      | 0                 | 6                 | 7                             | 428   |
| FS                 | 603                   | 608  | 65   | 226   | 62  | 157               | 0                  | 2                                | 6                                      | 7                 | 62                | 19                            | 1817  |
| FSA                | 15523                 | 251  | 92   | 65  | 25  | 90                | 28                 | 11                               | 30                                     | 9                 | 19                | 4                             | 16147 |
| FSIS               | 113                   | 260  | 2  | 80  | 1   | 40                | 2                  | 0                                | 0                                      | 0                 | 2                 | 1                             | 501   |
| NRCS               | 57                    | 100  | 7  | 22  | 2   | 21                | 0                  | 0                                | 4                                      | 4                 | 7                 | 4                             | 228   |
| OASCR              | 7                     | 17   | 5  | 2   | 0   | 6                 | 0                  | 2                                | 3                                      | 0                 | 6                 | 1                             | 49    |
| OBPA               | 0                     | 1  | 0  | 1   | 1   | 2                 | 0                  | 2                                | 3                                      | 0                 | 1                 | 0                             | 11    |
| OCFO               | 8                     | 4  | 3  | 17  | 1   | 3                 | 1                  | 4                                | 6                                      | 0                 | 1                 | 0                             | 48    |
| OGC                | 2                     | 9  | 0  | 5   | 1   | 7                 | 0                  | 2                                | 4                                      | 0                 | 3                 | 0                             | 33    |
| OHA                | 11                    | 33   | 0  | 3   | 0   | 3                 | 0                  | 2                                | 3                                      | 0                 | 2                 | 1                             | 58    |
| OIG                | 4                     | 28   | 16   | 70  | 7   | 19                | 6                  | 0                                | 3                                      | 1                 | 1                 | 0                             | 155   |

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|-------------------|-------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|----|-----|----|-------|
| OSEC              | 9     | 92   | 5   | 39  | 1   | 21  | 0  | 2  | 3   | 1  | 6   | 2  | 181   |
| RD                | 117   | 133  | 2   | 50  | 5   | 42  | 1  | 0  | 17  | 4  | 9   | 4  | 384   |
| REE               | 22    | 42   | 15  | 20  | 1   | 27  | 0  | 2  | 2   | 0  | 7   | 13 | 151   |
| RMA               | 15    | 5    | 4   | 8   | 1   | 4   | 0  | 0  | 2   | 1  | 0   | 3  | 43    |
| AGENCY<br>OVERALL | 16829 | 2433 | 249 | 906 | 139 | 788 | 39 | 48 | 100 | 60 | 152 | 72 | 21815 |

**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       | 2  | 2     |
| APHIS              | Directed Requester to Publicly Available Information       | 8  | 8     |
| DA                 | Directed Requester to Publicly Available Information       | 3  | 3     |
| FAS                | N/A  | 0  | 0     |
| FNS                | Directed Requester to Publicly Available Information       | 7  | 7     |
| FS                 | Directed Requester to Publicly Available Information       | 19   | 19    |
| FSA                | Directed Requester to Publicly Available Information       | 4  | 4     |
| FSIS               | Directed Requester to Publicly Available Information       | 1  | 1     |
| NRCS               | Directed Requester to Publicly Available Information       | 4  | 4     |

|                |  |    |    |
|----------------|--|----|----|
| OASCR          | Directed Requester to Publicly Available Information | 1  | 1  |
| OBPA           | N/A  | 0  | 0  |
| OCFO           | N/A  | 0  | 0  |
| OGC            | N/A  | 0  | 0  |
| OHA            | Directed Requester to Publicly Available Information | 1  | 1  |
| OIG            | N/A  | 0  | 0  |
| OSEC           | Directed Requester to Publicly Available Information | 2  | 2  |
| RD             | Directed Requester to Publicly Available Information | 4  | 4  |
| REE            | Directed Requester to Publicly Available Information | 13 | 13 |
| RMA            | Directed Requester to Publicly Available Information | 3  | 3  |
| AGENCY OVERALL |  |    | 72 |

**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     | 15    | 76    | 38    | 108   | 6        | 0        | 18       | 3        | 1        | 0        | 0     | 0     |
| APHIS              | 0     | 7     | 30    | 77    | 104   | 461   | 29       | 0        | 310      | 114      | 12       | 37       | 0     | 0     |
| DA                 | 0     | 0     | 0     | 18    | 41    | 70    | 0        | 0        | 8        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0     | 0     |
| FAS                | 1     | 0     | 5     | 2     | 8     | 12    | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0     | 0     |
| FNS                | 2     | 1     | 5     | 8     | 104   | 153   | 0        | 3        | 134      | 2        | 98       | 0        | 0     | 0     |
| FS                 | 0     | 1     | 30    | 134   | 205   | 500   | 42       | 4        | 112      | 1        | 23       | 44       | 0     | 3     |
| FSA                | 0     | 8     | 211   | 62    | 37    | 182   | 3        | 0        | 3        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0     | 1     |
| FSIS               | 1     | 0     | 1     | 145   | 41    | 242   | 4        | 0        | 7        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0     | 1     |
| NRCS               | 0     | 3     | 55    | 37    | 24    | 60    | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0     | 0     |
| OASCR              | 0     | 0     | 0     | 1     | 12    | 19    | 0        | 0        | 6        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0     | 0     |
| OBPA               | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 1     | 1     | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0     | 0     |
| OCFO               | 0     | 0     | 0     | 1     | 0     | 6     | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0     | 0     |
| OGC                | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 6     | 7     | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0     | 0     |
| OHA                | 0     | 0     | 0     | 1     | 1     | 33    | 0        | 0        | 6        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0     | 0     |
| OIG                | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 10    | 28    | 14       | 0        | 21       | 0        | 1        | 1        | 0     | 0     |
| OSEC               | 0     | 0     | 1     | 10    | 57    | 88    | 3        | 0        | 5        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0     | 0     |
| RD                 | 0     | 0     | 1     | 97    | 19    | 123   | 0        | 0        | 3        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0     | 0     |

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|-------------------|---|----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|---|-----|-----|-----|----|---|---|
| REE               | 0 | 0  | 11  | 9   | 14  | 41   | 1   | 0 | 9   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0 | 0 |
| RMA               | 0 | 0  | 4   | 2   | 1   | 5    | 0   | 0 | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0 | 0 |
| AGENCY<br>OVERALL | 4 | 20 | 369 | 680 | 723 | 2139 | 103 | 7 | 644 | 121 | 137 | 83 | 0 | 5 |

**VIA. 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                | 3  | 3   | 2  | 4  |
| APHIS              | 20   | 15  | 31   | 4  |
| DA                 | 10   | 10  | 7  | 13   |
| FAS                | 1  | 1   | 1  | 1  |
| FNS                | 667  | 4   | 669  | 2  |
| FS                 | 75   | 46  | 24   | 97   |
| FSA                | 28   | 22  | 34   | 16   |
| FSIS               | 7  | 9   | 8  | 8  |
| NRCS               | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| OASCR              | 5  | 1   | 3  | 3  |
| OBPA               | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| OCFO               | 1  | 11  | 2  | 10   |
| OGC                | 3  | 3   | 3  | 3  |
| OHA                | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| OIG                | 0  | 5   | 5  | 0  |

|                   |     |     |     |     |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| OSEC              | 0   | 5   | 0   | 5   |
| RD                | 4   | 9   | 1   | 12  |
| REE               | 4   | 9   | 5   | 8   |
| RMA               | 2   | 0   | 2   | 0   |
| AGENCY<br>OVERALL | 830 | 153 | 797 | 186 |

*After reviewing its database, USDA updated the number of appeals pending at the start of the Fiscal Year for the following components: FNS and OCFO.*



**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                | 1                         | 0   | 0   | 1  | 2     |
| APHIS              | 5                         | 13  | 4   | 9  | 31    |
| DA                 | 1                         | 2   | 1   | 3  | 7     |
| FAS                | 0                         | 1   | 0   | 0  | 1     |
| FNS                | 469                       | 189   | 1   | 10   | 669   |
| FS                 | 1                         | 5   | 5   | 13   | 24    |
| FSA                | 13                        | 9   | 3   | 9  | 34    |
| FSIS               | 3                         | 3   | 1   | 1  | 8     |
| NRCS               | 0                         | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0     |
| OASCR              | 0                         | 2   | 0   | 1  | 3     |
| OBPA               | 0                         | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0     |
| OCFO               | 0                         | 0   | 0   | 2  | 2     |
| OGC                | 0                         | 0   | 1   | 2  | 3     |
| OHA                | 0                         | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0     |
| OIG                | 3                         | 1   | 1   | 0  | 5     |
| OSEC               | 0                         | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0     |

|                   |     |     |    |    |     |
|-------------------|-----|-----|----|----|-----|
| RD                | 1   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 1   |
| REE               | 2   | 1   | 0  | 2  | 5   |
| RMA               | 1   | 0   | 0  | 1  | 2   |
| AGENCY<br>OVERALL | 500 | 226 | 17 | 54 | 797 |

**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     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0     | 0     |
| APHIS              | 0     | 0     | 3     | 3     | 3     | 12    | 0        | 0        | 3        | 1        | 1        | 0        | 0     | 0     |
| DA                 | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 2     | 2     | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0     | 0     |
| FAS                | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 1     | 1     | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0     | 0     |
| FNS                | 0     | 3     | 6     | 3     | 569   | 649   | 9        | 8        | 643      | 69       | 570      | 4        | 0     | 0     |
| FS                 | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 1     | 6     | 0        | 0        | 3        | 0        | 2        | 1        | 0     | 0     |
| FSA                | 0     | 1     | 18    | 2     | 2     | 13    | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0     | 0     |
| FSIS               | 0     | 0     | 0     | 6     | 1     | 2     | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0     | 0     |
| NRCS               | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0     | 0     |
| OASCR              | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 1     | 2     | 0        | 0        | 2        | 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     |
| OGC                | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0     | 0     |
| OHA                | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0     | 0     |
| OIG                | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 2     | 1        | 0        | 2        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0     | 0     |
| OSEC               | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0     | 0     |
| RD                 | 0     | 0     | 0     | 1     | 0     | 0     | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0     | 0     |

|                   |   |   |    |    |     |     |    |   |     |    |     |   |   |   |
|-------------------|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|----|---|-----|----|-----|---|---|---|
| REE               | 0 | 0 | 0  | 2  | 2   | 2   | 0  | 0 | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RMA               | 0 | 0 | 1  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0 | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| AGENCY<br>OVERALL | 0 | 4 | 28 | 17 | 582 | 691 | 11 | 8 | 653 | 70 | 574 | 5 | 0 | 0 |

**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   | 0                 | 0                  | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                 | 0                           | 0                     | 0   | 1                             |
| APHIS              | 0          | 1   | 5                 | 0                  | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                 | 0                           | 3                     | 0   | 0                             |
| DA                 | 0          | 0   | 2                 | 0                  | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                 | 0                           | 0                     | 0   | 1                             |
| FAS                | 0          | 0   | 0                 | 0                  | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                 | 0                           | 0                     | 0   | 0                             |
| FNS                | 0          | 0   | 5                 | 0                  | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                 | 0                           | 0                     | 0   | 5                             |
| FS                 | 0          | 0   | 5                 | 1                  | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                 | 0                           | 0                     | 0   | 7                             |
| FSA                | 2          | 0   | 5                 | 0                  | 0                                | 0                                  | 1                 | 0                           | 0                     | 0   | 1                             |
| FSIS               | 1          | 0   | 0                 | 0                  | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                 | 0                           | 0                     | 0   | 0                             |
| NRCS               | 0          | 0   | 0                 | 0                  | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                 | 0                           | 0                     | 0   | 0                             |
| OASCR              | 0          | 0   | 1                 | 0                  | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                 | 0                           | 0                     | 0   | 0                             |
| OBPA               | 0          | 0   | 0                 | 0                  | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                 | 0                           | 0                     | 0   | 0                             |
| OCFO               | 0          | 0   | 0                 | 0                  | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                 | 1                           | 0                     | 0   | 1                             |
| OGC                | 0          | 0   | 0                 | 0                  | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                 | 1                           | 0                     | 0   | 1                             |
| OHA                | 0          | 0   | 0                 | 0                  | 0                                | 0                                  | 0                 | 0                           | 0                     | 0   | 0                             |

|                   |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
|-------------------|---|---|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| OIG               | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| OSEC              | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| RD                | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| REE               | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2  |
| RMA               | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| AGENCY<br>OVERALL | 3 | 1 | 23 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 19 |

**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 |
|--------------------|---|--|-------|
| AMS                | Unable to Locate or Contact the Requester                           | 1  | 1     |
| APHIS              | N/A   | 0  | 0     |
| DA                 | Moot  | 1  | 1     |
| FAS                | N/A   | 0  | 0     |
| FNS                | Unable to Locate or Contact the Requester                           | 2  | 5     |
|                    | No Component Response to Adjudicate                                 | 3  |       |
| FS                 | Unable to Locate or Contact the Requester                           | 6  | 7     |
|                    | Moot  | 1  |       |
| FSA                | Unable to Locate or Contact the Requester                           | 1  | 1     |
| FSIS               | N/A   | 0  | 0     |
| NRCS               | N/A   | 0  | 0     |
| OASCR              | N/A   | 0  | 0     |
| OBPA               | N/A   | 0  | 0     |
| OCFO               | Moot  | 1  | 1     |
| OGC                | Unable to Locate or Contact the Requester                           | 1  | 1     |

|                   |                                     |   |    |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|---|----|
| OHA               | N/A                                 | 0 | 0  |
| OIG               | N/A                                 | 0 | 0  |
| OSEC              | N/A                                 | 0 | 0  |
| RD                | N/A                                 | 0 | 0  |
| REE               | No Component Response to Adjudicate | 2 | 2  |
| RMA               | N/A                                 | 0 | 0  |
| AGENCY<br>OVERALL |                                     |   | 19 |



**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                | 511.5                 | 511.5                  | 219                   | 804                    |
| APHIS              | 121                   | 242.71                 | 2                     | 1558                   |
| DA                 | 276                   | 234.86                 | 14                    | 444                    |
| FAS                | 96                    | 96                     | 96                    | 96                     |
| FNS                | 415                   | 424.55                 | 25                    | 696                    |
| FS                 | 226                   | 387.83                 | 6                     | 1787                   |
| FSA                | 351                   | 324.91                 | 3                     | 1035                   |
| FSIS               | 106                   | 164.38                 | 40                    | 540                    |
| NRCS               | N/A                   | N/A                    | N/A                   | N/A                    |
| OASCR              | 162                   | 136                    | 69                    | 177                    |
| OBPA               | N/A                   | N/A                    | N/A                   | N/A                    |
| OCFO               | 36                    | 36                     | 10                    | 60                     |
| OGC                | 1                     | 86.67                  | <1                    | 259                    |
| OHA                | N/A                   | N/A                    | N/A                   | N/A                    |
| OIG                | 18                    | 18.2                   | 17                    | 19                     |
| OSEC               | N/A                   | N/A                    | N/A                   | N/A                    |
| RD                 | 150                   | 150                    | 150                   | 150                    |

|                   |        |        |      |      |
|-------------------|--------|--------|------|------|
| REE               | 151    | 206    | 40   | 582  |
| RMA               | 1615.5 | 1615.5 | 1452 | 1779 |
| AGENCY<br>OVERALL | 393    | 403.04 | <1   | 1787 |

**VI.C.(5). TEN OLDEST PENDING ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS**

| Agency / Component |                        | 10th Oldest Appeal | 9th        | 8th        | 7th        | 6th        | 5th        | 4th        | 3rd        | 2nd        | Oldest Appeal |
|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| AMS                | Date of Appeal         | N/A                | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | 2021-07-29 | 2021-04-05 | 2020-07-28 | 2019-08-07    |
|                    | Number of Days Pending | 0                  | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 45         | 125        | 296        | 540           |
| APHIS              | Date of Appeal         | N/A                | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | 2021-07-29 | 2021-06-29 | 2021-06-29 | 2021-05-25    |
|                    | Number of Days Pending | 0                  | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 45         | 66         | 66         | 89            |
| DA                 | Date of Appeal         | 2021-06-04         | 2021-05-18 | 2021-04-22 | 2021-02-22 | 2021-01-08 | 2020-05-07 | 2020-04-01 | 2019-11-15 | 2018-12-21 | 2018-01-29    |
|                    | Number of Days Pending | 82                 | 94         | 112        | 155        | 184        | 352        | 378        | 471        | 697        | 924           |
| FAS                | Date of Appeal         | N/A                | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | 2021-09-08    |
|                    | Number of Days Pending | 0                  | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 17            |
| FNS                | Date of Appeal         | N/A                | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | 2021-09-28 | 2021-09-23    |

|       |                        |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|-------|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|       | Number of Days Pending | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 3          | 6          |
| FS    | Date of Appeal         | 2018-11-29 | 2018-11-02 | 2018-10-02 | 2018-01-30 | 2018-01-30 | 2017-10-26 | 2017-08-30 | 2017-08-14 | 2017-07-19 | 2017-07-10 |
|       | Number of Days Pending | 713        | 730        | 752        | 923        | 923        | 986        | 1025       | 1037       | 1055       | 1062       |
| FSA   | Date of Appeal         | 2021-07-27 | 2021-07-12 | 2021-06-25 | 2021-06-24 | 2021-05-12 | 2021-05-10 | 2020-12-31 | 2020-11-16 | 2020-10-26 | 2017-06-23 |
|       | Number of Days Pending | 47         | 58         | 68         | 69         | 98         | 100        | 189        | 220        | 234        | 1072       |
| FSIS  | Date of Appeal         | N/A        | N/A        | 2021-09-07 | 2021-07-20 | 2021-07-09 | 2021-04-06 | 2021-03-25 | 2020-10-30 | 2020-05-11 | 2019-08-20 |
|       | Number of Days Pending | 0          | 0          | 18         | 52         | 59         | 124        | 132        | 230        | 350        | 531        |
| NRCS  | Date of Appeal         | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        |
|       | Number of Days Pending | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          |
| OASCR | Date of Appeal         | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | 2021-07-29 | 2018-01-23 | 2017-12-19 |
|       | Number of Days Pending | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 45         | 928        | 950        |

|      |                        |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|------|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| OBPA | Date of Appeal         | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        |
|      | Number of Days Pending | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          |
| OCFO | Date of Appeal         | 2021-06-09 | 2021-02-22 | 2021-02-08 | 2020-12-29 | 2020-12-08 | 2020-11-25 | 2020-11-19 | 2020-11-02 | 2020-11-02 | 2020-07-01 |
|      | Number of Days Pending | 79         | 155        | 164        | 191        | 205        | 213        | 217        | 229        | 229        | 314        |
| OGC  | Date of Appeal         | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | 2021-05-06 | 2020-09-25 | 2020-08-20 |
|      | Number of Days Pending | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 102        | 254        | 279        |
| OHA  | Date of Appeal         | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        |
|      | Number of Days Pending | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          |
| OIG  | Date of Appeal         | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        |
|      | Number of Days Pending | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          |
| OSEC | Date of Appeal         | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | 2021-07-09 | 2021-07-09 | 2021-01-27 | 2021-01-26 | 2020-10-14 |

|                |                        |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|----------------|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                | Number of Days Pending | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 59         | 59         | 172        | 173        | 242        |
| RD             | Date of Appeal         | 2021-05-11 | 2021-05-04 | 2021-04-06 | 2021-04-05 | 2020-12-21 | 2020-12-07 | 2020-10-06 | 2020-10-06 | 2020-01-17 | 2019-06-19 |
|                | Number of Days Pending | 99         | 104        | 124        | 125        | 196        | 206        | 247        | 247        | 429        | 574        |
| REE            | Date of Appeal         | N/A        | N/A        | 2021-05-14 | 2021-05-04 | 2021-02-12 | 2021-01-08 | 2020-11-05 | 2020-10-29 | 2019-04-15 | 2018-10-19 |
|                | Number of Days Pending | 0          | 0          | 96         | 104        | 160        | 184        | 226        | 231        | 620        | 740        |
| RMA            | Date of Appeal         | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        |
|                | Number of Days Pending | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          |
| AGENCY OVERALL | Date of Appeal         | 2018-01-30 | 2018-01-29 | 2018-01-23 | 2017-12-19 | 2017-10-26 | 2017-08-30 | 2017-08-14 | 2017-07-19 | 2017-07-10 | 2017-06-23 |
|                | Number of Days Pending | 923        | 924        | 928        | 950        | 986        | 1025       | 1037       | 1055       | 1062       | 1072       |

**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                | 16                    | 25.87                  | <1                    | 332                    | 81                    | 157.35                 | <1                    | 1106                   | N/A                   | N/A                    | N/A                   | N/A                    |
| APHIS              | 35                    | 121.6                  | <1                    | 1551                   | 249                   | 408.39                 | 1                     | 1684                   | 482                   | 482                    | 482                   | 482                    |
| DA                 | 27                    | 172.59                 | <1                    | 944                    | 612                   | 607.85                 | <1                    | 1086                   | N/A                   | N/A                    | N/A                   | N/A                    |
| FAS                | 5                     | 26.69                  | <1                    | 210                    | 269                   | 352.24                 | 18                    | 949                    | 895                   | 895                    | 895                   | 895                    |
| FNS                | 234                   | 220.90                 | <1                    | 615                    | 280                   | 279.67                 | 259                   | 300                    | N/A                   | N/A                    | N/A                   | N/A                    |
| FS                 | 17                    | 57.68                  | <1                    | 823                    | 31                    | 128.85                 | <1                    | 1420                   | 26.5                  | 26.5                   | 21                    | 32                     |
| FSA                | <1                    | 3.55                   | <1                    | 767                    | <1                    | 23.67                  | <1                    | 841                    | <1                    | 0.43                   | <1                    | 7                      |
| FSIS               | 17                    | 48.02                  | <1                    | 498                    | 227                   | 256.23                 | 2                     | 711                    | 87                    | 136.17                 | 10                    | 321                    |
| NRCS               | 12.5                  | 29.31                  | <1                    | 432                    | 18                    | 34.89                  | <1                    | 129                    | 52.5                  | 52.5                   | 37                    | 68                     |
| OASCR              | 28                    | 67.95                  | <1                    | 375                    | 238                   | 259.17                 | 66                    | 626                    | N/A                   | N/A                    | N/A                   | N/A                    |
| OBPA               | 6.5                   | 104.17                 | <1                    | 592                    | N/A                   | N/A                    | N/A                   | N/A                    | N/A                   | N/A                    | N/A                   | N/A                    |
| OCFO               | 16                    | 27.51                  | <1                    | 175                    | 50                    | 50                     | 50                    | 50                     | N/A                   | N/A                    | N/A                   | N/A                    |
| OGC                | 17                    | 72.56                  | <1                    | 254                    | 388                   | 478                    | 7                     | 1459                   | N/A                   | N/A                    | N/A                   | N/A                    |
| OHA                | 3                     | 5.15                   | <1                    | 28                     | 21                    | 20.33                  | <1                    | 42                     | N/A                   | N/A                    | N/A                   | N/A                    |

|                   |    |        |    |      |       |        |    |      |     |       |     |     |
|-------------------|----|--------|----|------|-------|--------|----|------|-----|-------|-----|-----|
| OIG               | 18 | 18.35  | 1  | 57   | 194   | 395.63 | 8  | 2114 | N/A | N/A   | N/A | N/A |
| OSEC              | 34 | 107.89 | <1 | 992  | 278.5 | 337.67 | <1 | 1027 | 285 | 279.8 | 230 | 326 |
| RD                | 7  | 43.07  | <1 | 318  | 27    | 50.07  | <1 | 373  | 11  | 14    | <1  | 34  |
| REE               | 11 | 41.12  | <1 | 600  | 364   | 379.77 | 21 | 829  | N/A | N/A   | N/A | N/A |
| RMA               | 8  | 9.37   | <1 | 23   | 9     | 40.5   | <1 | 213  | 2   | 1.67  | <1  | 3   |
| AGENCY<br>OVERALL | <1 | 20.47  | <1 | 1551 | 54    | 183.1  | <1 | 2114 | 2   | 81.32 | <1  | 895 |



**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                | 18                    | 28.67                  | <1                    | 332                    | 80                    | 169.49                 | 19                    | 1106                   | N/A                   | N/A                    | N/A                   | N/A                    |
| APHIS              | 64.5                  | 157.57                 | 2                     | 1551                   | 248.5                 | 402.98                 | 4                     | 1684                   | 482                   | 482                    | 482                   | 482                    |
| DA                 | 39                    | 121.36                 | 2                     | 777                    | 550                   | 522.67                 | 45                    | 1086                   | N/A                   | N/A                    | N/A                   | N/A                    |
| FAS                | 9                     | 49.6                   | 2                     | 210                    | 251                   | 227                    | 64                    | 405                    | 895                   | 895                    | 895                   | 895                    |
| FNS                | 343                   | 257.9                  | <1                    | 606                    | N/A                   | N/A                    | N/A                   | N/A                    | N/A                   | N/A                    | N/A                   | N/A                    |
| FS                 | 19                    | 59.8                   | <1                    | 812                    | 33                    | 129.06                 | <1                    | 1420                   | 26.5                  | 26.5                   | 21                    | 32                     |
| FSA                | <1                    | 3.42                   | <1                    | 767                    | <1                    | 20.31                  | <1                    | 284                    | <1                    | 0.43                   | <1                    | 7                      |
| FSIS               | 21.5                  | 53.46                  | 1                     | 466                    | 221                   | 254.01                 | 2                     | 711                    | 161.5                 | 163.5                  | 10                    | 321                    |
| NRCS               | 14                    | 29.48                  | <1                    | 392                    | 21.5                  | 43.57                  | 5                     | 129                    | 52.5                  | 52.5                   | 37                    | 68                     |
| OASCR              | 58                    | 86.11                  | 5                     | 375                    | 220                   | 254.4                  | 66                    | 626                    | N/A                   | N/A                    | N/A                   | N/A                    |
| OBPA               | 592                   | 592                    | 592                   | 592                    | N/A                   | N/A                    | N/A                   | N/A                    | N/A                   | N/A                    | N/A                   | N/A                    |
| OCFO               | 27                    | 42.82                  | 4                     | 175                    | 50                    | 50                     | 50                    | 50                     | N/A                   | N/A                    | N/A                   | N/A                    |
| OGC                | 75.5                  | 85.25                  | 6                     | 224                    | 548                   | 555.67                 | 319                   | 800                    | N/A                   | N/A                    | N/A                   | N/A                    |
| OHA                | 3                     | 5.26                   | <1                    | 28                     | 21                    | 24.4                   | 12                    | 42                     | N/A                   | N/A                    | N/A                   | N/A                    |

|                   |       |        |    |      |       |        |    |      |      |       |     |     |
|-------------------|-------|--------|----|------|-------|--------|----|------|------|-------|-----|-----|
| OIG               | 24    | 28.4   | 9  | 54   | 332   | 506.74 | 20 | 2114 | N/A  | N/A   | N/A | N/A |
| OSEC              | 103.5 | 135.43 | <1 | 992  | 259   | 242.9  | 53 | 618  | 294  | 286   | 230 | 326 |
| RD                | 38    | 36.1   | 10 | 79   | 30    | 56.64  | 1  | 339  | 22.5 | 22.5  | 11  | 34  |
| REE               | 48.5  | 79.06  | 2  | 600  | 198.5 | 241.56 | 21 | 607  | N/A  | N/A   | N/A | N/A |
| RMA               | 16    | 15.36  | <1 | 23   | 24.5  | 25.25  | 5  | 47   | 2.5  | 2.5   | 2   | 3   |
| AGENCY<br>OVERALL | <1    | 15.74  | <1 | 1551 | 58.5  | 167    | <1 | 2114 | <1   | 82.76 | <1  | 895 |

**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                | 132        | 44         | 8          | 13         | 5           | 1            | 2            | 0            | 2            | 1            | 0            | 1            | 0         | 209   |
| APHIS              | 312        | 123        | 52         | 38         | 20          | 25           | 37           | 27           | 14           | 11           | 74           | 32           | 55        | 820   |
| DA                 | 71         | 23         | 14         | 3          | 3           | 2            | 2            | 4            | 0            | 1            | 1            | 4            | 36        | 164   |
| FAS                | 9          | 2          | 1          | 0          | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 1            | 0            | 0         | 13    |
| FNS                | 86         | 16         | 7          | 5          | 15          | 6            | 4            | 15           | 12           | 7            | 78           | 135          | 32        | 418   |
| FS                 | 758        | 217        | 74         | 27         | 19          | 15           | 6            | 15           | 7            | 4            | 40           | 29           | 48        | 1259  |
| FSA                | 15401      | 97         | 63         | 50         | 33          | 19           | 60           | 20           | 13           | 26           | 33           | 8            | 15        | 15838 |
| FSIS               | 180        | 46         | 21         | 12         | 9           | 11           | 11           | 6            | 8            | 4            | 5            | 1            | 5         | 319   |
| NRCS               | 146        | 26         | 12         | 8          | 2           | 1            | 2            | 0            | 1            | 0            | 1            | 4            | 1         | 204   |
| OASCR              | 18         | 4          | 4          | 3          | 1           | 2            | 0            | 1            | 1            | 0            | 1            | 3            | 0         | 38    |
| OBPA               | 5          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 1         | 6     |
| OCFO               | 24         | 5          | 5          | 1          | 0           | 0            | 0            | 1            | 1            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0         | 37    |
| OGC                | 10         | 0          | 1          | 0          | 0           | 1            | 2            | 1            | 1            | 0            | 2            | 0            | 0         | 18    |
| OHA                | 45         | 2          | 0          | 0          | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0         | 47    |
| OIG                | 46         | 28         | 3          | 0          | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0         | 77    |

|                   |       |     |     |     |     |    |     |    |    |    |     |     |     |       |
|-------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| OSEC              | 60    | 13  | 9   | 8   | 3   | 2  | 7   | 2  | 4  | 6  | 12  | 6   | 9   | 141   |
| RD                | 19    | 1   | 4   | 1   | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0   | 2   | 0   | 28    |
| REE               | 77    | 11  | 9   | 9   | 3   | 3  | 1   | 2  | 0  | 1  | 2   | 2   | 1   | 121   |
| RMA               | 25    | 5   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 30    |
| AGENCY<br>OVERALL | 17424 | 663 | 287 | 178 | 113 | 88 | 134 | 94 | 65 | 61 | 250 | 227 | 203 | 19787 |

**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                | 4          | 6          | 10         | 13         | 5           | 2            | 2            | 5            | 1            | 4            | 6            | 4            | 4         | 66    |
| APHIS              | 14         | 10         | 6          | 7          | 4           | 8            | 10           | 10           | 4            | 6            | 25           | 16           | 63        | 183   |
| DA                 | 3          | 0          | 2          | 2          | 1           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 2            | 1            | 1            | 68        | 80    |
| FAS                | 1          | 0          | 0          | 1          | 0           | 1            | 1            | 1            | 0            | 1            | 3            | 2            | 6         | 17    |
| FNS                | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 3            | 0            | 0         | 3     |
| FS                 | 181        | 130        | 36         | 13         | 16          | 18           | 11           | 10           | 5            | 4            | 22           | 38           | 64        | 548   |
| FSA                | 183        | 27         | 12         | 6          | 1           | 3            | 3            | 3            | 1            | 1            | 4            | 0            | 1         | 245   |
| FSIS               | 13         | 4          | 5          | 2          | 11          | 11           | 11           | 1            | 7            | 5            | 39           | 21           | 45        | 175   |
| NRCS               | 10         | 4          | 0          | 0          | 2           | 0            | 2            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0         | 18    |
| OASCR              | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1          | 0           | 1            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 3            | 0            | 1         | 6     |
| OBPA               | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0         | 0     |
| OCFO               | 0          | 0          | 1          | 0          | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0         | 1     |
| OGC                | 1          | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0           | 0            | 1            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 2            | 4         | 9     |
| OHA                | 2          | 3          | 1          | 0          | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0         | 6     |

|                   |     |     |     |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |    |     |      |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|----|-----|------|
| OIG               | 6   | 14  | 4   | 4  | 2  | 2  | 1  | 2  | 2  | 3  | 4   | 5  | 26  | 75   |
| OSEC              | 2   | 0   | 1   | 3  | 2  | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 7   | 4  | 8   | 30   |
| RD                | 132 | 83  | 28  | 31 | 14 | 14 | 8  | 5  | 4  | 5  | 8   | 3  | 0   | 335  |
| REE               | 0   | 3   | 0   | 0  | 1  | 0  | 1  | 2  | 0  | 2  | 4   | 0  | 13  | 26   |
| RMA               | 5   | 0   | 2   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   | 7    |
| AGENCY<br>OVERALL | 557 | 285 | 108 | 83 | 59 | 61 | 52 | 39 | 24 | 34 | 129 | 96 | 303 | 1830 |

**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              | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 1         | 1     |
| DA                 | 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            | 1         | 1     |
| FNS                | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0         | 0     |
| FS                 | 0          | 2          | 0          | 0          | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0         | 2     |
| FSA                | 23         | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0         | 23    |
| FSIS               | 2          | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0           | 0            | 0            | 1            | 0            | 0            | 1            | 1            | 0         | 6     |
| NRCS               | 0          | 1          | 0          | 1          | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0         | 2     |
| OASCR              | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0           | 0            | 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     |
| OGC                | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0         | 0     |
| OHA                | 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  |
| OSEC              | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 5  |
| RD                | 3  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4  |
| REE               | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| RMA               | 3  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3  |
| AGENCY<br>OVERALL | 31 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 47 |



**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                | 32             | 83.5                  | 189.97                 | 15             | 237                   | 215.20                 | 0                    | N/A                   | N/A                    |
| APHIS              | 365            | 163                   | 283.97                 | 60             | 331.5                 | 405.83                 | 0                    | N/A                   | N/A                    |
| DA                 | 67             | 490                   | 402.99                 | 4              | 307.5                 | 348.25                 | 0                    | N/A                   | N/A                    |
| FAS                | 16             | 139                   | 221.31                 | 12             | 333                   | 341.17                 | 1                    | 1170                  | 1170                   |
| FNS                | 493            | 300                   | 287.54                 | 0              | N/A                   | N/A                    | 0                    | N/A                   | N/A                    |
| FS                 | 399            | 125                   | 211.29                 | 343            | 300                   | 305.83                 | 1                    | 497                   | 497                    |
| FSA                | 35             | 27                    | 45.29                  | 26             | 16                    | 29.81                  | 0                    | N/A                   | N/A                    |
| FSIS               | 138            | 86.5                  | 105.49                 | 100            | 366                   | 366.22                 | 12                   | 309.5                 | 271.33                 |
| NRCS               | 11             | 34                    | 72.27                  | 1              | 41                    | 41                     | 0                    | N/A                   | N/A                    |
| OASCR              | 17             | 178                   | 159.65                 | 0              | N/A                   | N/A                    | 0                    | N/A                   | N/A                    |
| OBPA               | 1              | 72                    | 72                     | 0              | N/A                   | N/A                    | 0                    | N/A                   | N/A                    |
| OCFO               | 4              | 12.5                  | 13.25                  | 0              | N/A                   | N/A                    | 0                    | N/A                   | N/A                    |

|                   |      |       |        |     |       |        |    |       |        |
|-------------------|------|-------|--------|-----|-------|--------|----|-------|--------|
| OGC               | 21   | 213   | 291.19 | 3   | 45    | 103.67 | 0  | N/A   | N/A    |
| OHA               | 0    | N/A   | N/A    | 0   | N/A   | N/A    | 0  | N/A   | N/A    |
| OIG               | 6    | 12.5  | 11.33  | 52  | 457.5 | 555.12 | 0  | N/A   | N/A    |
| OSEC              | 38   | 174   | 225.11 | 4   | 221.5 | 246.25 | 2  | 332.5 | 332.5  |
| RD                | 1    | 39    | 39     | 81  | 72    | 173.3  | 1  | 76    | 76     |
| REE               | 11   | 54    | 143.45 | 4   | 817.5 | 653.25 | 0  | N/A   | N/A    |
| RMA               | 3    | 41    | 69.67  | 2   | 45.5  | 45.5   | 0  | N/A   | N/A    |
| AGENCY<br>OVERALL | 1658 | 217.5 | 242.86 | 707 | 290   | 314.44 | 17 | 311   | 333.18 |

**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        | 2020-06-24          | 2020-06-03 | 2020-06-01 | 2020-02-27 | 2020-01-28 | 2020-01-22 | 2018-08-22 | 2018-07-11 | 2018-05-04 | 2018-01-23     |
|                    | Number of Days Pending | 319                 | 334        | 336        | 402        | 423        | 427        | 780        | 810        | 856        | 928            |
| APHIS              | Date of Receipt        | 2017-05-18          | 2017-05-02 | 2017-05-01 | 2017-02-21 | 2017-02-13 | 2017-02-07 | 2017-01-12 | 2016-08-25 | 2016-08-16 | 2016-06-13     |
|                    | Number of Days Pending | 1097                | 1109       | 1110       | 1159       | 1164       | 1168       | 1185       | 1279       | 1286       | 1331           |
| DA                 | Date of Receipt        | 2018-09-26          | 2018-09-21 | 2018-09-12 | 2018-08-30 | 2018-05-03 | 2018-04-12 | 2018-03-09 | 2018-03-08 | 2018-02-22 | 2017-07-06     |
|                    | Number of Days Pending | 756                 | 759        | 766        | 774        | 857        | 872        | 896        | 897        | 907        | 1064           |
| FAS                | Date of Receipt        | 2020-06-04          | 2020-04-22 | 2020-04-17 | 2020-03-03 | 2019-10-18 | 2019-10-18 | 2019-08-21 | 2018-12-12 | 2018-10-26 | 2017-02-03     |

|      |                        |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|------|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|      | Number of Days Pending | 333        | 363        | 366        | 399        | 490        | 490        | 530        | 704        | 735        | 1170       |
| FNS  | Date of Receipt        | 2019-09-06 | 2019-09-05 | 2019-07-17 | 2019-06-28 | 2019-03-04 | 2018-12-17 | 2018-10-25 | 2018-10-25 | 2018-10-15 | 2018-05-07 |
|      | Number of Days Pending | 519        | 520        | 555        | 573        | 650        | 701        | 736        | 736        | 744        | 855        |
| FS   | Date of Receipt        | 2018-02-07 | 2018-01-29 | 2018-01-16 | 2018-01-04 | 2017-12-13 | 2017-12-05 | 2017-05-17 | 2017-04-12 | 2017-03-31 | 2016-08-03 |
|      | Number of Days Pending | 917        | 924        | 933        | 940        | 954        | 960        | 1098       | 1123       | 1131       | 1295       |
| FSA  | Date of Receipt        | 2021-07-14 | 2021-07-12 | 2021-06-25 | 2021-06-21 | 2021-06-21 | 2021-06-17 | 2021-06-03 | 2020-08-13 | 2020-06-09 | 2020-02-19 |
|      | Number of Days Pending | 56         | 58         | 68         | 72         | 72         | 73         | 83         | 284        | 330        | 408        |
| FSIS | Date of Receipt        | 2019-06-26 | 2019-06-21 | 2019-06-18 | 2019-06-11 | 2019-05-16 | 2019-04-18 | 2019-04-09 | 2019-03-22 | 2019-02-26 | 2019-02-26 |
|      | Number of Days Pending | 569        | 572        | 575        | 580        | 597        | 617        | 624        | 636        | 654        | 654        |
| NRCS | Date of Receipt        | 2021-08-25 | 2021-08-18 | 2021-08-18 | 2021-08-13 | 2021-08-04 | 2021-08-02 | 2021-06-25 | 2021-05-10 | 2020-12-09 | 2020-10-20 |
|      | Number of Days Pending | 26         | 31         | 31         | 34         | 41         | 43         | 68         | 100        | 204        | 238        |

|       |                        |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|-------|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| OASCR | Date of Receipt        | 2021-03-03 | 2021-01-19 | 2021-01-11 | 2021-01-04 | 2020-12-07 | 2020-10-26 | 2020-09-15 | 2020-09-09 | 2020-04-23 | 2020-04-13 |
|       | Number of Days Pending | 148        | 178        | 183        | 188        | 206        | 234        | 262        | 266        | 362        | 370        |
| OBPA  | Date of Receipt        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | 2021-06-21 |
|       | Number of Days Pending | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 72         |
| OCFO  | Date of Receipt        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | 2021-09-16 | 2021-09-15 | 2021-09-14 | 2021-09-08 |
|       | Number of Days Pending | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 11         | 12         | 13         | 17         |
| OGC   | Date of Receipt        | 2020-10-19 | 2020-09-25 | 2020-06-29 | 2020-06-29 | 2020-04-13 | 2019-12-09 | 2019-08-01 | 2018-05-07 | 2017-12-22 | 2017-03-15 |
|       | Number of Days Pending | 239        | 254        | 316        | 316        | 370        | 456        | 544        | 855        | 947        | 1143       |
| OHA   | Date of Receipt        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        |
|       | Number of Days Pending | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          |
| OIG   | Date of Receipt        | 2017-03-29 | 2017-02-27 | 2017-02-03 | 2017-01-30 | 2017-01-04 | 2016-12-29 | 2016-03-17 | 2016-03-11 | 2015-07-02 | 2015-04-06 |

|                |                        |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|----------------|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                | Number of Days Pending | 1133       | 1155       | 1170       | 1174       | 1191       | 1194       | 1392       | 1396       | 1568       | 1630       |
| OSEC           | Date of Receipt        | 2020-03-27 | 2020-03-02 | 2020-02-25 | 2020-01-29 | 2019-12-12 | 2019-10-21 | 2019-10-02 | 2019-09-04 | 2019-08-22 | 2019-07-17 |
|                | Number of Days Pending | 381        | 400        | 404        | 422        | 453        | 489        | 501        | 521        | 529        | 555        |
| RD             | Date of Receipt        | 2019-08-08 | 2019-08-07 | 2019-08-01 | 2019-07-16 | 2019-05-10 | 2019-04-08 | 2019-04-04 | 2018-12-19 | 2018-12-14 | 2017-11-30 |
|                | Number of Days Pending | 539        | 540        | 544        | 556        | 601        | 625        | 627        | 699        | 702        | 963        |
| REE            | Date of Receipt        | 2021-08-06 | 2021-07-16 | 2021-06-29 | 2021-04-29 | 2021-02-05 | 2020-06-18 | 2018-10-19 | 2018-10-05 | 2018-03-23 | 2017-12-15 |
|                | Number of Days Pending | 39         | 54         | 66         | 107        | 165        | 323        | 740        | 749        | 886        | 952        |
| RMA            | Date of Receipt        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | 2021-09-29 | 2021-09-08 | 2021-08-04 | 2021-06-16 | 2021-02-04 |
|                | Number of Days Pending | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 2          | 17         | 41         | 74         | 166        |
| AGENCY OVERALL | Date of Receipt        | 2017-01-04 | 2016-12-29 | 2016-08-25 | 2016-08-16 | 2016-08-03 | 2016-06-13 | 2016-03-17 | 2016-03-11 | 2015-07-02 | 2015-04-06 |
|                | Number of Days Pending | 1191       | 1194       | 1279       | 1286       | 1295       | 1331       | 1392       | 1396       | 1568       | 1630       |

**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              | 9             | <1                                  | 31.22                                | 8   |
| APHIS              | 2              | 31            | 6                                   | 20.76                                | 23  |
| DA                 | 0              | 7             | 1                                   | 89                                   | 5   |
| FAS                | 0              | 1             | <1                                  | <1                                   | 1   |
| FNS                | 0              | 4             | <1                                  | <1                                   | 4   |
| FS                 | 1              | 29            | 13                                  | 16.93                                | 14  |
| FSA                | 4              | 9             | 3                                   | 4.85                                 | 12  |
| FSIS               | 3              | 6             | 1                                   | 9                                    | 6   |
| NRCS               | 3              | 0             | 25                                  | 29                                   | 1   |
| OASCR              | 0              | 0             | N/A                                 | N/A                                  | 0   |

|                   |    |     |     |       |    |
|-------------------|----|-----|-----|-------|----|
| OBPA              | 0  | 0   | N/A | N/A   | 0  |
| OCFO              | 0  | 0   | N/A | N/A   | 0  |
| OGC               | 0  | 0   | N/A | N/A   | 0  |
| OHA               | 0  | 0   | N/A | N/A   | 0  |
| OIG               | 0  | 0   | N/A | N/A   | 0  |
| OSEC              | 2  | 12  | 7   | 79.5  | 8  |
| RD                | 4  | 4   | 29  | 45.38 | 3  |
| REE               | 0  | 5   | 1   | 0.6   | 5  |
| RMA               | 4  | 1   | 4   | 6.8   | 4  |
| AGENCY<br>OVERALL | 23 | 118 | 4   | 27.24 | 94 |



**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                | 40             | 8             | 0.5                                 | 21.15                                |
| APHIS              | 39             | 0             | 2                                   | 58.64                                |
| DA                 | 9              | 3             | 265.5                               | 317.08                               |
| FAS                | 3              | 0             | 153                                 | 384                                  |
| FNS                | 0              | 0             | N/A                                 | N/A                                  |
| FS                 | 235            | 19            | 9                                   | 29.28                                |
| FSA                | 337            | 43            | <1                                  | 1.28                                 |
| FSIS               | 190            | 3             | <1                                  | 12.66                                |
| NRCS               | 7              | 0             | 19                                  | 57.29                                |
| OASCR              | 0              | 0             | N/A                                 | N/A                                  |
| OBPA               | 0              | 0             | N/A                                 | N/A                                  |

|                   |     |    |     |       |
|-------------------|-----|----|-----|-------|
| OCFO              | 0   | 0  | N/A | N/A   |
| OGC               | 0   | 0  | N/A | N/A   |
| OHA               | 0   | 0  | N/A | N/A   |
| OIG               | 0   | 0  | N/A | N/A   |
| OSEC              | 4   | 1  | 4   | 55.4  |
| RD                | 14  | 0  | 25  | 56.07 |
| REE               | 0   | 0  | N/A | N/A   |
| RMA               | 2   | 0  | 8.5 | 8.5   |
| AGENCY<br>OVERALL | 880 | 77 | <1  | 21.01 |

**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                | 5                                    | 2.00  | 7.00                                   | 946435.00        | 17312.00                 | 963747.00   |
| APHIS              | 29                                   | 8.50  | 37.50                                  | 4225546.86       | 615908.00                | 4841454.86  |
| DA                 | 5                                    | 0.00  | 5.00                                   | 1008947.29       | 3500.00                  | 1012447.29  |
| FAS                | 1                                    | 0.00  | 1.00                                   | 149904.50        | 0.00                     | 149904.50   |
| FNS                | 3                                    | 0.00  | 3.00                                   | 1214423.06       | 0.00                     | 1214423.06  |
| FS                 | 20                                   | 22.85   | 42.85                                  | 4880147.00       | 115419.00                | 4995566.00  |
| FSA                | 10                                   | 50.90   | 60.90                                  | 2691891.71       | 16804.19                 | 2708695.90  |
| FSIS               | 11                                   | 1.50  | 12.50                                  | 1504348.00       | 88062.00                 | 1592410.00  |

|                   |     |        |        |             |            |             |
|-------------------|-----|--------|--------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| NRCS              | 0   | 44.00  | 44.00  | 986570.01   | 8441.02    | 995011.03   |
| OASCR             | 0   | 0.10   | 0.10   | 11568.77    | 0.00       | 11568.77    |
| OBPA              | 0   | 0.20   | 0.20   | 59000.00    | 0.00       | 59000.00    |
| OCFO              | 0   | 0.10   | 0.10   | 12840.49    | 0.00       | 12840.49    |
| OGC               | 2   | 0.00   | 2.00   | 445712.28   | 740000.00  | 1185712.28  |
| OHA               | 0   | 0.10   | 0.10   | 10855.94    | 0.00       | 10855.94    |
| OIG               | 3   | 1.50   | 4.50   | 598143.08   | 378.70     | 598521.78   |
| OSEC              | 2   | 0.00   | 2.00   | 446540.36   | 42500.00   | 489040.36   |
| RD                | 10  | 0.00   | 10.00  | 859162.00   | 0.00       | 859162.00   |
| REE               | 1   | 0.00   | 1.00   | 182352.00   | 0.00       | 182352.00   |
| RMA               | 0   | 0.10   | 0.10   | 1382.39     | 0.00       | 1382.39     |
| AGENCY<br>OVERALL | 102 | 131.85 | 233.85 | 20235770.74 | 1648324.91 | 21884095.65 |

**X. Fees Collected for Processing Requests**

| Agency / Component | Total Amount of Fees Collected | Percentage of Total Costs |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| AMS                | 0.00                           | 0.0000                    |
| APHIS              | 0.00                           | 0.0000                    |
| DA                 | 0.00                           | 0.0000                    |
| FAS                | 0.00                           | 0.0000                    |
| FNS                | 0.00                           | 0.0000                    |
| FS                 | 437.42                         | 0.0100                    |
| FSA                | 12013.23                       | 0.4500                    |
| FSIS               | 300.00                         | 0.0200                    |
| NRCS               | 221.94                         | 0.0200                    |
| OASCR              | 0.00                           | 0.0000                    |
| OBPA               | 0.00                           | 0.0000                    |

|                   |          |        |
|-------------------|----------|--------|
| OCFO              | 0.00     | 0.0000 |
| OGC               | 0.00     | 0.0000 |
| OHA               | 0.00     | 0.0000 |
| OIG               | 0.00     | 0.0000 |
| OSEC              | 0.00     | 0.0000 |
| RD                | 1410.22  | 0.1600 |
| REE               | 0.00     | 0.0000 |
| RMA               | 0.00     | 0.0000 |
| AGENCY<br>OVERALL | 14382.81 | 0.0700 |

**XI.A. Number of Times Subsection (C) Used**

| Agency / Component | Number of Times Subsection Used |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| AMS                | 0                               |
| APHIS              | 0                               |
| DA                 | 0                               |
| FAS                | 0                               |
| FNS                | 0                               |
| FS                 | 0                               |
| FSA                | 0                               |
| FSIS               | 0                               |
| NRCS               | 0                               |
| OASCR              | 0                               |
| OBPA               | 0                               |

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| OCFO              | 0 |
| OGC               | 0 |
| OHA               | 0 |
| OIG               | 0 |
| OSEC              | 0 |
| RD                | 0 |
| REE               | 0 |
| RMA               | 0 |
| AGENCY<br>OVERALL | 0 |



**XI.B. Number of Subsection (A)(2) Postings**

| Agency / Component | Number of Records Posted by the FOIA Office | Number of Records Posted by Program Offices |
|--------------------|---|---|
| AMS                | 0   | 2951  |
| APHIS              | 7   | 510   |
| DA                 | 6   | 302   |
| FAS                | 0   | 192   |
| FNS                | 4   | 5078  |
| FS                 | 7   | 11717                                       |
| FSA                | 80  | 1740  |
| FSIS               | 44  | 416   |

|                   |     |       |
|-------------------|-----|-------|
| NRCS              | 0   | 0     |
| OASCR             | 0   | 5     |
| OBPA              | 0   | 4     |
| OCFO              | 0   | 3     |
| OGC               | 13  | 0     |
| OHA               | 0   | 79    |
| OIG               | 0   | 55    |
| OSEC              | 5   | 3     |
| RD                | 3   | 1466  |
| REE               | 0   | 2053  |
| RMA               | 0   | 0     |
| AGENCY<br>OVERALL | 169 | 26574 |

**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                | 42   | 4   |
| APHIS              | 360  | 4   |
| DA                 | 62   | 13  |
| FAS                | 26   | 0   |
| FNS                | 487  | 0   |
| FS                 | 649  | 90  |
| FSA                | 18   | 13  |

|                   |      |     |
|-------------------|------|-----|
| FSIS              | 215  | 7   |
| NRCS              | 9    | 0   |
| OASCR             | 17   | 3   |
| OBPA              | 1    | 0   |
| OCFO              | 0    | 10  |
| OGC               | 21   | 3   |
| OHA               | 0    | 0   |
| OIG               | 52   | 0   |
| OSEC              | 38   | 5   |
| RD                | 67   | 10  |
| REE               | 14   | 8   |
| RMA               | 3    | 0   |
| AGENCY<br>OVERALL | 2081 | 170 |

**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 <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 <u>End</u> of the Fiscal Year |
|--------------------|--|--|--|--|
| AMS                | 0  | 13   | 13   | 0  |
| APHIS              | 7  | 25   | 29   | 3  |
| DA                 | 1  | 5  | 4  | 2  |
| FAS                | 0  | 5  | 5  | 0  |
| FNS                | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |

|                   |    |     |     |    |
|-------------------|----|-----|-----|----|
| FS                | 8  | 36  | 30  | 14 |
| FSA               | 0  | 13  | 13  | 0  |
| FSIS              | 0  | 13  | 13  | 0  |
| NRCS              | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0  |
| OASCR             | 0  | 1   | 1   | 0  |
| OBPA              | 0  | 3   | 3   | 0  |
| OCFO              | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0  |
| OGC               | 5  | 40  | 32  | 13 |
| OHA               | 0  | 2   | 2   | 0  |
| OIG               | 2  | 16  | 12  | 6  |
| OSEC              | 1  | 28  | 24  | 5  |
| RD                | 1  | 2   | 2   | 1  |
| REE               | 0  | 9   | 9   | 0  |
| RMA               | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0  |
| AGENCY<br>OVERALL | 25 | 211 | 192 | 44 |

*After reviewing its database, USDA adjusted the number of consults pending as of the start of the Fiscal Year for the following components: FSA.*

**XII.C. CONSULTATIONS ON FOIA REQUESTS -- TEN OLDEST CONSULTATIONS RECEIVED FROM OTHER AGENCIES AND PENDING AT THE AGENCY**

| Agency / Component |                | 10th Oldest Consultation | 9th | 8th | 7th | 6th | 5th | 4th | 3rd        | 2nd        | Oldest Consultation |
|--------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|------------|---------------------|
| AMS                | Date           | N/A                      | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A        | N/A        | N/A                 |
|                    | Number of Days | 0                        | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0          | 0          | 0                   |
| APHIS              | Date           | N/A                      | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2021-09-28 | 2021-09-07 | 2021-07-28          |
|                    | Number of Days | 0                        | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 3          | 18         | 46                  |
| DA                 | Date           | N/A                      | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A        | 2021-08-04 | 2021-07-19          |
|                    | Number of Days | 0                        | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0          | 41         | 53                  |
| FAS                | Date           | N/A                      | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A        | N/A        | N/A                 |

|       |                |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|-------|----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|       | Number of Days | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          |
| FNS   | Date           | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        |
|       | Number of Days | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          |
| FS    | Date           | 2021-06-16 | 2021-05-13 | 2021-05-10 | 2021-05-05 | 2021-04-15 | 2021-03-18 | 2021-02-24 | 2020-12-18 | 2020-09-04 | 2020-05-06 |
|       | Number of Days | 74         | 97         | 100        | 103        | 117        | 137        | 153        | 197        | 268        | 353        |
| FSA   | Date           | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        |
|       | Number of Days | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          |
| FSIS  | Date           | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        |
|       | Number of Days | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          |
| NRCS  | Date           | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        |
|       | Number of Days | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          |
| OASCR | Date           | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        |
|       | Number of Days | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          |
| OBPA  | Date           | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        |
|       | Number of Days | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          |
| OCFO  | Date           | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        |



|      |                |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|------|----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|      | Number of Days | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          |
| OGC  | Date           | 2021-05-20 | 2021-05-19 | 2021-05-12 | 2021-04-27 | 2021-04-14 | 2021-04-13 | 2021-03-22 | 2020-11-05 | 2020-01-16 | 2020-01-16 |
|      | Number of Days | 92         | 93         | 98         | 109        | 118        | 119        | 135        | 226        | 430        | 430        |
| OHA  | Date           | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        |
|      | Number of Days | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          |
| OIG  | Date           | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | 2021-07-13 | 2021-07-12 | 2021-07-12 | 2021-06-10 | 2021-05-19 | 2021-04-19 |
|      | Number of Days | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 57         | 58         | 58         | 78         | 93         | 115        |
| OSEC | Date           | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | 2021-09-22 | 2021-08-26 | 2021-07-07 | 2021-05-30 | 2021-04-26 |
|      | Number of Days | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 7          | 25         | 61         | 105        | 110        |
| RD   | Date           | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | 2021-05-05 |
|      | Number of Days | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 103        |
| REE  | Date           | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        |
|      | Number of Days | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          |
| RMA  | Date           | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        |
|      | Number of Days | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          |

|                |                |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|----------------|----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| AGENCY OVERALL | Date           | 2021-04-13 | 2021-03-22 | 2020-03-18 | 2021-02-24 | 2020-12-18 | 2020-11-05 | 2020-09-04 | 2020-05-06 | 2020-01-16 | 2020-01-16 |
|                | Number of Days | 119        | 135        | 137        | 153        | 197        | 226        | 268        | 353        | 430        | 430        |

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

| Agency / Component | NUMBER OF REQUESTS RECEIVED                                       |   | NUMBER OF REQUESTS PROCESSED                                       |  |
|--------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                    | 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                | 299   | 259   | 290  | 279  |
| APHIS              | 1193  | 825   | 1810   | 1014   |
| DA                 | 133   | 156   | 194  | 249  |
| FAS                | 52  | 35  | 59   | 39   |
| FNS                | 821   | 276   | 342  | 428  |
| FS                 | 1763  | 1849  | 1613   | 1817   |

|                   |       |       |       |       |
|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| FSA               | 16827 | 15848 | 17043 | 16147 |
| FSIS              | 585   | 466   | 577   | 501   |
| NRCS              | 154   | 219   | 163   | 228   |
| OASCR             | 38    | 50    | 39    | 49    |
| OBPA              | 10    | 10    | 19    | 11    |
| OCFO              | 38    | 53    | 50    | 48    |
| OGC               | 37    | 37    | 36    | 33    |
| OHA               | 58    | 59    | 64    | 58    |
| OIG               | 87    | 136   | 112   | 155   |
| OSEC              | 179   | 126   | 128   | 181   |
| RD                | 405   | 377   | 403   | 384   |
| REE               | 108   | 127   | 126   | 151   |
| RMA               | 23    | 48    | 35    | 43    |
| AGENCY<br>OVERALL | 22810 | 20956 | 23103 | 21815 |

**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                | 47   | 42  |
| APHIS              | 559  | 360   |
| DA                 | 156  | 62  |
| FAS                | 33   | 26  |
| FNS                | 551  | 487   |
| FS                 | 621  | 649   |
| FSA                | 39   | 18  |
| FSIS               | 253  | 215   |
| NRCS               | 8  | 9   |

|                   |      |      |
|-------------------|------|------|
| OASCR             | 12   | 17   |
| OBPA              | 1    | 1    |
| OCFO              | 1    | 0    |
| OGC               | 18   | 21   |
| OHA               | 0    | 0    |
| OIG               | 74   | 52   |
| OSEC              | 78   | 38   |
| RD                | 59   | 67   |
| REE               | 36   | 14   |
| RMA               | 0    | 3    |
| AGENCY<br>OVERALL | 2546 | 2081 |

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

| Agency /<br>Component | NUMBER OF APPEALS<br><u>RECEIVED</u>   |  | NUMBER OF APPEALS<br><u>PROCESSED</u>   |   |
|-----------------------|--|--|---|---|
|                       | Number<br>Received<br>During Fiscal<br>Year from Last<br>Year's Annual<br>Report | Number<br>Received<br>During Fiscal<br>Year from<br>Current Annual<br>Report | Number<br>Processed<br>During Fiscal<br>Year from Last<br>Year's Annual<br>Report | Number<br>Processed<br>During Fiscal<br>Year from<br>Current Annual<br>Report |
| AMS                   | 4  | 3  | 11  | 2   |
| APHIS                 | 27   | 15   | 44  | 31  |
| DA                    | 8  | 10   | 6   | 7   |
| FAS                   | 1  | 1  | 0   | 1   |
| FNS                   | 220  | 4  | 465   | 669   |
| FS                    | 39   | 46   | 5   | 24  |
| FSA                   | 25   | 22   | 19  | 34  |
| FSIS                  | 18   | 9  | 18  | 8   |
| NRCS                  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   |

|                   |     |     |     |     |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| OASCR             | 3   | 1   | 1   | 3   |
| OBPA              | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   |
| OCFO              | 0   | 11  | 1   | 2   |
| OGC               | 5   | 3   | 2   | 3   |
| OHA               | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| OIG               | 6   | 5   | 6   | 5   |
| OSEC              | 0   | 5   | 2   | 0   |
| RD                | 5   | 9   | 3   | 1   |
| REE               | 1   | 9   | 1   | 5   |
| RMA               | 0   | 0   | 7   | 2   |
| AGENCY<br>OVERALL | 362 | 153 | 592 | 797 |

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

| Agency /<br>Component | Number of<br>Backlogged<br>Appeals as of<br>End of the Fiscal<br>Year from<br>Previous Annual<br>Report | Number of<br>Backlogged<br>Appeals as of<br>End of the Fiscal<br>Year from<br>Current Annual<br>Report |
|-----------------------|---|--|
| AMS                   | 3   | 4  |
| OBPA                  | 0   | 0  |
| REE                   | 4   | 8  |
| RD                    | 1   | 10   |
| OSEC                  | 0   | 5  |
| OIG                   | 0   | 0  |
| OHA                   | 0   | 0  |
| OGC                   | 3   | 3  |
| OCFO                  | 0   | 10   |
| OASCR                 | 5   | 3  |



|                   |     |     |
|-------------------|-----|-----|
| APHIS             | 20  | 4   |
| NRCS              | 0   | 0   |
| FSIS              | 7   | 7   |
| FSA               | 25  | 13  |
| FS                | 71  | 90  |
| FNS               | 664 | 0   |
| FAS               | 1   | 0   |
| DA                | 9   | 13  |
| RMA               | 2   | 0   |
| AGENCY<br>OVERALL | 815 | 170 |