

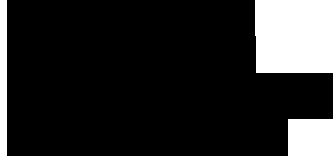


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Office of the General Counsel
1400 Independence Ave. SW
Washington, DC 20250-1400

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Re: Final Response for Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request No. [REDACTED]



This is the final response to the December 23, 2020, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Office of Information Affairs (OIA), seeking:

“a copy or printout of the YouTube Creator’s page for the USDA, which shows the nonpublic videos (videos categorized as Unlisted or Private) on the USDA main YouTube account.

Specifically, I request a listing of videos on the USDA YouTube channel, marked as UNLISTED or PRIVATE.”

The Office of Information Affairs (OIA), Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Division is under the purview of the General Counsel (GC) and serves as the focal point for USDA’s FOIA program. It provides coordination and ensures agency-wide compliance with the FOIA. Additionally, the OIA-FOIA processes requests and appeals on behalf of the Office of the Secretary (OSEC); the Under Secretaries; USDA’s staff offices; and the Research, Education and Economics and Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs mission areas.

Your request was processed under the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

Upon inquiry to the Office of Communications (OC), the OIA-FOIA was advised that there are no responsive records. The OC has the main responsibility over the USDA’s YouTube channel. This includes creating, uploading, and managing content for the platform. Please note that, pursuant to the FOIA, the OIA-FOIA is not required to analyze information potentially subject to the request or create a record to respond to the request.

You may appeal this response by email at USDAFOIA@usda.gov. Your appeal must be in writing, and it must be received electronically no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. The OGC will not consider appeals received after the 90 calendar-day limit. Appeals received after 5:00 p.m. EST will be considered received the next business day. The appeal letter should include the FOIA tracking number listed above, a copy of the original request, the DFO’s response to your original request, and a statement explaining the basis of your appeal. For

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quickest possible handling, the subject line of your email should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." You should also reference FOIA No. [REDACTED]

You may seek dispute resolution services from the DFO's FOIA Public Liaison, Ms. Camille Aponte. Ms. Aponte may be contacted by telephone at 202-505-0271, or electronically at Camille.Aponte@usda.gov or USDAFOIA@usda.gov.

You also have the option to seek assistance from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). Please visit <https://www.archives.gov/ogis/mediation-program/request-assistance> for information about how to request OGIS assistance in relation to a FOIA request.

Provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover part of the cost of processing your request. In this instance, because the cost is below the \$25 minimum, there is no charge. 7 C.F.R. Part 1.18.

If you have any questions regarding the processing of this request, please contact Mr. Kyle Kemper at (202) 378-1075, or electronically at Kyle.Kemper@usda.gov or USDAFOIA@usda.gov.

For additional information regarding USDA FOIA regulations and processes, please refer to the information available online at www.dm.usda.gov/foia.

The OIA-FOIA Team appreciates the opportunity to assist you with this matter.

Sincerely,

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