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In reply, please refer to
FOIA No. 2012-AMS-02675-F
Appeal No. 2012-AMS-00144-A

Mr. Pat McGonegle
National Pork Producers Council
10664 Justin Drive
Urbandale, Iowa 50322

Dear Mr. McGonegle:

This is in response to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal (2012-AMS-00144-A) you filed regarding the decision by the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) not to grant your request for a waiver of fees for the processing of your FOIA request, 2012-AMS-02675-F. Your appeal was received by the AMS FOIA Service Center on August 13, 2012. The original FOIA request was filed on behalf of the National Pork Producers Council (NPCC) by Matthew McDermott on June 8, 2012.

AMS has reexamined your initial FOIA request, and the additional information you included in your appeal, concerning the non-profit status of the National Pork Producers Council (NPCC), your intention not to use any records disclosed for your organization's commercial gain, and the measures NPCC intends to take to disseminate such information to the public. In light of this review, AMS grants your request for a fee waiver in this matter.

Sincerely,

David R. Shipman
Administrator

Cc: Matthew McDermott, Esq.

EXHIBIT 2