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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

JAMIE CLOVER ADAMS
DIRECTOR

January 26, 2016

Ms. Wendy Banka
Via e-mail: wbanka@umich.edu

Dear Ms. Banka:

Your request for records dated January 15, 2016 under the Freedom of Information Act was received in our office on January 19, 2016. You requested "the sample number(s) of all food samples tested for lasalocid in Michigan in 2014 and 2015" and for "all search warrants issued to licensed food establishments in Michigan in 2015."

Your request is granted as it relates to your request for all search warrants issued to licensed food establishments in Michigan in 2015 and the following record is enclosed: the Administrative Inspection Warrant for Bakers Green Acres, Inc. and the property located at 1579 Brinks Road, Marion, Missaukee County, Michigan. You should be aware, however, that when the owners of a licensed food establishment inform us that a warrant is needed to inspect their business, or when threats are made against government employees, the Department will obtain a warrant.

Even though the Freedom of Information Act permits us to charge you for our costs in copying and mailing this information, we are sending it free of charge due to the limited number of pages.

However, as it related to the food samples tested for lasalocid in Michigan in 2014 and 2015, after a diligent search, I have not been able to locate the records you seek with the information given. Pursuant to provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, and based on my knowledge, information, and belief, I certify that the record sought does not exist as described or by any other name reasonably known to me and your request is therefore denied. For your information, the turkeys exposed to the feed did not enter the food chain. The hogs that consumed the feed were withheld from slaughter for the time recommended by federal officials in order for potential traces of the material to pass through their system. Therefore, no food samples were taken by MDARD. You may wish to contact the U.S. Department of Agriculture or the Food and Drug Administration for further information.

Under Section 10 of the Freedom of Information Act, MCL 15.240, the Department is obligated to inform you that you may do the following: 1) Appeal this decision in writing to the Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development at the address below. The writing must specifically state the word "appeal" and must identify

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the reason or reasons you believe the partial denial should be reversed. The Director or her designee must respond to your appeal within 10 business days of its receipt. Under unusual circumstances, the time for response to your appeal may be extended by 10 business days. 2) File an action in the appropriate court within 180 days after the date of the final determination to partially deny the request. If you prevail in such an action, the court is to award reasonable attorney fees, costs, and disbursements, and possible damages.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bradley N. Deacon" followed by a stylized monogram "dkm".

Bradley N. Deacon
Freedom of Information Act Coordinator