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**Subject:** Request 2025-FSA-04690-F - Bocinsky - Time Extension  
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Mr. Bocinsky,

Please be advised that we are taking a time extension in order to properly process your request, due to the need to search for, collect, and appropriately examine a voluminous amount of separate and distinct records which are requested in a single request.

You should expect to receive your data on or before April 15 , 2025.

If you have any questions regarding the processing of this request, please contact Government Information (GI) Specialist Hani Nguyen at 651-602-7848. If GI Specialist Hani Nguyen is not available, please contact GI Specialist Christina Vander Linden at 816-823-2669 or GI Specialist Carol Nagel at 701-530-2107. We can also be reached at the group e-mail address [SM.FP.FOIA@usda.gov](mailto:SM.FP.FOIA@usda.gov).

Sincerely,

*Patrick McLoughlin*

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**Subject:** Re: Request 2025-FSA-04691-F - Bocinsky - Acknowledgement / Perfected

Hi there,

I'm just checking in on FOIA requests 2025-FSA-04690-F and 2025-FSA-04691-F, which had estimated fulfillment dates of March 17. Would you all be able to provide me with a revised

estimate? My graduate student is participating in this research and is hoping to have access to these data for their thesis.

Thanks much for all you all do!

Best,  
Kyle Bocinsky

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**From:** SM.FPAC.BC.FOIA <[SM.FP.FOIA@usda.gov](mailto:SM.FP.FOIA@usda.gov)>

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**Subject:** Request 2025-FSA-04691-F - Bocinsky - Acknowledgement / Perfected

Mr. Bocinsky,

This letter acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request (copy attached) dated February 14, 2025, to the Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Production and Conservation Business Center (FPAC-BC). Your request was received in this office February 14, 2025 and assigned control number 2025-FSA-04691-F. Please use this control number for all future communications regarding this request.

You requested the following: tabular data of the county-level Normal Grazing Periods for Livestock Forage Disaster Program years 2008 – 2024. Normal grazing periods are defined in US code: “Normal grazing period means, as determined by FSA, with respect to a specific type of grazing land or pastureland in the county, the period during the calendar year when grazing animals receive daily nutrients and satisfy net energy requirements without supplemental feed” (7 CFR 1416.202). They are implicated in eligibility for several assistance programs administered the FSA, including the Livestock Forage Disaster Program. FSA Guidance 1-LFP Amend. 4 describes a process by which State FSA offices may adjust normal grazing periods annually, stipulating, “the grazing periods established for LFP must be the same as the grazing periods that have been established for NAP, and in accordance with the grazing period established in the NCT.” I would like the county-level tabular data of Normal Grazing Periods for past program years. These data should minimally include fields for FSA State, County Name, State & County Code, Program Year, Pasture Type, Start Date, and End Date. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2008 To 02/14/2025)

Your request is being handled under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552 (<http://www.usdoj.gov/oip/amended-foia-redlined.pdf>).

We process requests on a first-in, first-out basis. The actual processing time will depend upon the complexity of the request and whether or not it involves sensitive or voluminous records, or extensive searches and/or consultations. We also process requests on a multi-track basis. This means that simple requests, requiring minimal effort to respond, are processed in one track, and more voluminous and complex requests are processed in another track. We have placed your request in the Simple track.

Request 2025-FSA-04691-F is perfected and has been moved from pending into the Simple processing track. This request has been placed in the “Educational Institution” request category and all fees will be waived.

The estimated date upon which we expect to provide you the requested records is on or

before: March 17, 2025

If you have any questions regarding the processing of this request, please contact Government Information (GI) Specialist Hani Nguyen at 763-388-0490. If GI Specialist Hani Nguyen is not available, please contact GI Specialist Christina Vander Linden at 816-823-2669 or GI Specialist Carol Nagel at 701-530-2107. We can also be reached at the group e-mail address

[SM.FP.FOIA@usda.gov](mailto:SM.FP.FOIA@usda.gov).

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you in this matter.

Sincerely,

*Patrick McLoughlin*

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