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Research Facility Annual Usage Summary Report

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Each USDA-registered research facility and Federal research facility is required by §2.36 of the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) to submit an annual report (APHIS Form 7023) (431.16 KB) that documents its use of animals for research, testing, teaching, experimentation, and/or surgery.

APHIS makes the raw data submitted by all facilities available on the Public Search Tool.

Research Facility Annual Report Summaries

The Research Facility Annual Report Summary (the “Summary”) provides stakeholders with clear information regarding the number of animals, by column and by species, used or held for use in research, teaching, testing, or experimentation reported to APHIS under the Animal Welfare Act (AWA).

Accordingly, the Summary includes animals reported by all registered research facilities (R certificates), Federal research facilities (F certificates), and Veterans Affairs research facilities (V certificates). It also includes AWA-covered animals reported by USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS) facilities (G certificates). (By

Congressional direction, ARS facilities include all animals used for research to APHIS, including farm animals used for agricultural research and other species, such as fish, that are not covered by the AWA. To accurately represent the number of animals covered by the AWA used or held for use in research in the United States, the ARS-reported farm animals and other noncovered species reported by G certificate facilities are excluded from the Summary.)

The Summary is accurate as of the date the report was generated. Annual reports may be amended following generation of the Summary, and this may result in negligible discrepancies between the data presented in the Summary and data obtained through use of the Public Search Tool or FOIA request. The data from each fiscal year's Summary is the data used by APHIS.

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