

HENRY A. WAXMAN, CALIFORNIA
CHAIRMAN

JOHN D. DINGELL, MICHIGAN
CHAIRMAN EMERITUS
EDWARD J. MARKEY, MASSACHUSETTS
RICK BOUCHER, VIRGINIA
FRANK PALLONE, JR., NEW JERSEY
BART GORDON, TENNESSEE
BOBBY L. RUSH, ILLINOIS
ANNA G. ESHOO, CALIFORNIA
BART STUPAK, MICHIGAN
ELIOT L. ENGEL, NEW YORK
GENE GREEN, TEXAS
DIANA DEGETTE, COLORADO
VICE CHAIRMAN
LOIS CAPPS, CALIFORNIA
MIKE DOYLE, PENNSYLVANIA
JANE HARMAN, CALIFORNIA
JAN SCHAKOWSKY, ILLINOIS
CHARLES A. GONZALEZ, TEXAS
JAY INSLEE, WASHINGTON
TAMMY BALDWIN, WISCONSIN
MIKE ROSS, ARKANSAS
ANTHONY D. WEINER, NEW YORK
JIM MATHESON, UTAH
G.K. BUTTERFIELD, NORTH CAROLINA
CHARLIE MELANCON, LOUISIANA
JOHN BARROW, GEORGIA
BARON P. HILL, INDIANA
DORIS O. MATSUI, CALIFORNIA
DONNA CHRISTENSEN, VIRGIN ISLANDS
KATHY CASTOR, FLORIDA
JOHN SARBANES, MARYLAND
CHRISTOPHER MURPHY, CONNECTICUT
ZACHARY T. SPACE, OHIO
JERRY McNERNEY, CALIFORNIA
BETTY SUTTON, OHIO
BRUCE BRALEY, IOWA
PETER WELCH, VERMONT

JOE BARTON, TEXAS
RANKING MEMBER

ROY BLUNT, MISSOURI
DEPUTY RANKING MEMBER
RALPH M. HALL, TEXAS
FRED UPTON, MICHIGAN
CLIFF STEARNS, FLORIDA
ED WHITFIELD, KENTUCKY
JOHN SHIMKUS, ILLINOIS
JOHN B. SHADEGG, ARIZONA
STEVE BUYER, INDIANA
GEORGE RADANOVICH, CALIFORNIA
JOSEPH R. PITTS, PENNSYLVANIA
MARY BONO MACK, CALIFORNIA
LEE TERRY, NEBRASKA
MIKE ROGERS, MICHIGAN
SUE WILKINS MYRICK, NORTH CAROLINA
JOHN SULLIVAN, OKLAHOMA
TIM MURPHY, PENNSYLVANIA
MICHAEL C. BURGESS, TEXAS
MARSHA BLACKBURN, TENNESSEE
PHIL GINGREY, GEORGIA
STEVE SCALISE, LOUISIANA
PARKER GRIFFITH, ALABAMA
ROBERT E. LATTA, OHIO

ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH CONGRESS

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE

2125 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING

WASHINGTON, DC 20515-6115

MAJORITY (202) 225-2927
FACSIMILE (202) 225-2525
MINORITY (202) 225-3641

energycommerce.house.gov

August 23, 2010

Mr. Orland Bethel
President
Hillandale Farms of Iowa
P.O. Box 106
New Hampton, Iowa 50659

Dear Mr. Bethel:

The Committee on Energy and Commerce and its Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations are investigating the safety of the nation's food supply. On August 20, 2010, Hillandale Farms of Iowa voluntarily recalled eggs produced by their farms because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*.

To assist the Committee in its investigation, we request that you provide the following information and documents, for the period from January 1, 2005, to the present, except as otherwise indicated:

1. A description of when and where the *Salmonella* contamination of Hillandale Farms products was first detected;
2. A description of the identity and source of that contamination;
3. A description of how and when Hillandale Farms officials first became aware of the *Salmonella* contamination of its egg products;
4. The dates that company officials first notified, or were first notified by, federal, state, and local officials of the contamination;
5. The names of all customers to which Hillandale Farms has provided eggs in the last 12 months, the dates on which Hillandale Farms first notified these customers of any suspected contamination, and copies of all correspondence with these customers relating to suspected contamination;

Mr. Orland Bethel
August 23, 2010
Page 2

6. All inspection records relating to Hillandale Farms facilities or any other facilities, including any inspection by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and state and local safety officials;
7. All documents relating to any allegation of violation of any health, safety, environmental, or animal cruelty laws involving Hillandale Farms or any related companies;
8. All documents relating to any allegation of *Samonella* or other contamination involving eggs or other products from Hillandale Farms or any related companies;
9. Documents sufficient to show all Hillandale Farms internal protocols and standards for monitoring and analysis of its products;
10. All documents relating to the safety practices of egg production, storage, and transportation;
11. Documents sufficient to show the dates and results of all instances of monitoring or analysis that yielded a positive finding for microbiological contamination;
12. All communications to or from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, or the Iowa Department of Agriculture regarding any inspections of Hillandale Farms facilities or possible *Salmonella* contamination of any food materials or products; and
13. All communications among Hillandale Farms personnel relating to possible *Salmonella* contamination of the company's materials or products.

Please produce the requested information by Tuesday, September 7, 2010. An attachment to this letter provides additional information about responding to Committee document requests.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Stacia Cardille with the Committee staff at (202) 226-2424.

Sincerely,



Henry A. Waxman
Chairman



Bart Stupak
Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

Mr. Orland Bethel
August 23, 2010
Page 3

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Joe Barton
Ranking Member

The Honorable Michael C. Burgess
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations