



**Annual USDA Scientific Integrity Allegations Summary
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The USDA Scientific Integrity policy was established May 10, 2013. During the second year that the policy was in effect, May 1, 2014, through April 30, 2015, five (5) allegations of scientific/research misconduct were reported across USDA agencies. Three (3) of the cases proceeded to agency or departmental investigation. All of these cases are still active and to date none were found to be a violation of the USDA Scientific Integrity Policy. Of the two remaining cases, one (1) is still in the early inquiry stage. A preliminary inquiry found that the remaining case was not a scientific integrity violation and a full investigation was not conducted as a result.

Correction Notice (May 26, 2016): The Department previously reported that six (6) allegations of scientific-integrity/research misconduct were received during the period of May 1, 2014, through April 30, 2015; however, one (1) of the allegations was actually received after April 30, 2015. This summary notice has been revised to reflect that five (5) allegations were received during the reporting period.