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January 7, 2009

The Honorable James P. Metzen  
President of the Senate  
322 Capitol Building  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

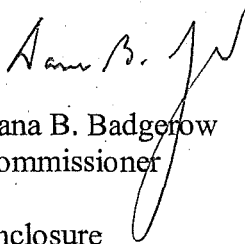
The Honorable Margaret Anderson Kelliher  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
463 State Office Building  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear President Metzen and Speaker Anderson Kelliher:

Enclosed please find the report I am required to make to the Legislature pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 13.06, subdivision 7. The report is in bill form, as required by the statute, and contains all temporary classifications of data that were in effect as of January 1, 2009.

If you have questions, please contact Laurie Beyer-Kropuenske, Director of the Information Policy Analysis Division, at 651-201-2501.

Sincerely,

  
Dana B. Badgerow  
Commissioner

Enclosure

c: Senator Mary Olson  
Representative Joe Mullery  
Legislative Reference Library

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to agriculture; classifying certain research, monitoring, and surveying data;  
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 13.643, by adding a subdivision.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 13.643, is amended by adding a  
1.6 subdivision to read:

1.7 Subd. 7. Research data. (a) The following data created, collected and maintained  
1.8 by the commissioner of agriculture during non-regulatory research or evaluation activities  
1.9 related to natural resources, the environment, agricultural facilities, or agricultural  
1.10 practices are classified as private or nonpublic data:

1.11 (1) name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of research or evaluation  
1.12 participants; and

1.13 (2) location of research or evaluation site.

1.14 (b) The commissioner may disclose data collected under paragraph (a) if the  
1.15 commissioner determines that there is a substantive threat to human health and safety, to  
1.16 the environment, or to aid in the law enforcement process.