



January 29, 2021

Honorable Pete Ricketts Governor of Nebraska State Capitol 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor NE INTEROFFICE, 00 68509 Mr. Patrick J. O'Donnell Clerk of the Legislature State Capitol Rm 2018 INTEROFFICE, 00 68509

Dear Governor Ricketts and Mr. O'Donnell:

Please accept the following report from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) for the period of January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020, to fulfill the requirements of <u>Neb. Rev. Stat.</u> §4-113. NDA processed 35,335 applications for benefits from individuals under the various statutes our agency administers and based on the information received, all demonstrated a lawful presence in the United States.

In addition, under Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 4-108 through 4-114, NDA:

- 1. Utilized Administrative Services, State Personnel to E-verify all new employees hired.
- Included contract clause in all contracts issued by NDA requiring the contractor to have an employee E-verification system in place for individuals working in the state of Nebraska.
- 3. Required all individuals with whom NDA has contracts to complete a United States Citizenship Attestation form.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Patty Richard at (402) 471-2341.

Sincerely,

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Director

Enclosure