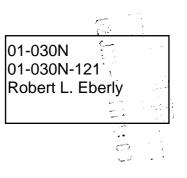


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To Whom It May Concern:

Regarding the water retention information due to be effective January 9, 2002. Meeting the requirements by the January deadline will impose a definite hardship on Eberly Poultry Inc. The large number of various types of poultry and game birds that we process requires additional time to generate the required data. Also, we will not be processing certain species of our specialty poultry until late November and mid December 2001. Therefore, I am requesting that the deadline be extended until February 9, 2002. If you have any questions or require further information please contact me at (717) 336-6440.

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