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December 9, 2025

Re: Hertz Farm Management, Inc. - Notice of Data Event

Dear Sir or Madam:

We represent Hertz Farm Management Inc. ("HFM"), a farmland asset management company based in Nevada, Iowa. We write in accordance with the Maine Notice of Risk to Personal Data Act, M.E. Stat. Ann. T. 10 § 1346, et seq. (2019), to report a data event impacting the personal information of five (5) residents of the State of Maine. In making this submission, HFM does not waive its rights or defenses regarding the applicability of Maine law or personal jurisdiction. This notice may be supplemented with new information learned after submission.

On June 29, 2025, HFM experienced a disruption to its company network. HFM took immediate action to secure its systems and partnered with specialists to investigate the nature and scope of the disruption. As part of its investigation, HFM confirmed that data was taken from its network on July 3, 2025. HFM then sought out to perform a thorough review of the data for the presence of sensitive personal information, to identify whom the information belonged to, and the last known address for notifying those individuals out of an abundance of caution. This review concluded on November 7, 2025. HFM is now notifying potentially impacted individuals, though it has no evidence of any actual or attempted fraud or misuse as a result of this incident to date. The potentially impacted information included the individuals' name and Social Security number.

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On December 9, 2025, HFM provided written notice of the event to potentially impacted individuals, including 5 Maine residents, via First Class U.S. mail. A sample copy of the notification letter is attached as *Exhibit A*.

HFM's notice of this event includes a brief description of the incident, encouragement to remain vigilant for incidents of fraud or misuse, from any source, by reviewing account statements and credit reports. The notice also includes the recommendation to file a report with law enforcement, notify their state attorney general, and/or contact the Federal Trade Commission for more information. HFM confirmed the types of personal information subject to unauthorized access and enclosed contact information for the major consumer reporting bureaus, state-specific regulators, and the number for a dedicated call center for obtaining resources to protect against fraud or misuse, should the individual find it appropriate to do so. HFM is offering twelve (12) months of complimentary credit monitoring and identity protection services through HaystackID to the potentially impacted individuals.

Upon experiencing the disruption, HFM took immediate action by disconnecting its network from the internet. HFM partnered with professionals to perform an investigation into the event. HFM reset user passwords and reported the incident to federal law enforcement. HFM is also reviewing the existing security controls and policies & procedures it has in place to remain resilient against future threats. HFM is reporting to other state regulators as required.

This notice provides your Office with all information necessary to comply with Maine law. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have additional questions.

Respectfully,

Nicholas Jajko

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Exhibit A

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Re: Notice of Data << Header>>>

[Date]

Dear <<First Name>> <<Last Name>>:

At Hertz Farm Management Inc. we take the privacy and security of personal information seriously. As part of that commitment, we are providing you with this notice of a data event involving our company's computer network. This notice contains resources and steps you may take to protect your information, should you feel it appropriate to do so. Please read this letter carefully.

What Happened?

On June 29, 2025, HFM experienced a disruption to our company network. We took immediate action to secure our systems and partnered with specialists to investigate the nature and scope of the disruption. As part of our investigation, we confirmed that data was taken from our network on July 3, 2025. We then sought out to perform a thorough review of the data for the presence of sensitive personal information, to identify whom the information belonged to, and the last known address for notifying those individuals out of an abundance of caution. This review concluded on November 7, 2025. We are now notifying potentially impacted individuals, though we have no evidence of any actual or attempted fraud or misuse as a result of this incident to date.

What Information Was Involved?

We confirmed that <<data elements>> were contained within files taken from our network. We reiterate that we have no indication of fraud or identity theft occurring as a result of this incident.

What We Are Doing.

Upon experiencing the disruption, we took immediate action by disconnecting our network from the internet. We partnered with professionals to perform an investigation into the event. We reset user passwords and reported the incident to federal law enforcement. We are also reviewing the existing security controls and policies & procedures we have in place to remain resilient against future threats.

As an added precaution to help protect your information, we are offering you << CM Duration>> months of complimentary credit monitoring and identity protection services through HaystackID. Instructions for how to enroll in these services is below.

What You Can Do.

We encourage you to remain vigilant for incidents of identity theft and fraud, from any source, by reviewing and monitoring your account statements and credit reports for suspicious activity and errors. Please refer to the enclosed "Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Information" which contains additional resources to take advantage of, should you find it appropriate to do so.

To enroll in the free credit monitoring services noted above, please log on to the following and follow the instructions provided,

https://app.identitydefense.com/enrollment/activate/HAL. When prompted please provide the following unique code to receive services: << Monitoring Code>.

In order for you to receive the monitoring services described above, you must enroll within 90 days from the date of this letter. The enrollment requires an internet connection and e-mail account and may not be available to minors under the age of 18 years of age. Please note that when signing up for monitoring services, you may be asked to verify personal information for your own protection to confirm your identity.

For More Information.

Hertz Farm Management Inc. regrets any concern or inconvenience this incident may cause you. Should you have additional questions, please contact our assistance line with HaystackID at 1-888-844-1310 (toll free), during the hours of 7:00 am to 10:00 pm Central time, Monday through Friday and 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday (excluding U.S. national holidays). We stress that we remain committed to protecting the privacy and security of information entrusted in our care.

Sincerely,

Chad Hertz

Chief Executive Officer

Chad Hertz

Hertz Farm Management Inc.

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION

Monitor Your Accounts and Credit Reports. Under U.S. law, you are entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus, TransUnion, Experian, and Equifax. To obtain a free annual credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call 1-877-322-8228. Once you receive your credit report, review it for discrepancies and identify any accounts you did not open or inquiries from creditors that you did not authorize. If you have questions or notice incorrect information, contact the credit reporting bureau.

Report Suspected Fraud. You have the right to file a police report if you ever experience identity theft or fraud. Please note that in order to file a report with law enforcement for identity theft, you will likely need to provide some proof that you have been a victim. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should also be reported to law enforcement, the state Attorney General, and the FTC.

<u>Place Fraud Alerts.</u> You have the right to place an initial or extended "fraud alert" on a credit file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a one-year alert that is placed on a consumer's credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert, a business is required to take steps to verify the consumer's identity before extending new credit. If you are a victim of identity theft, you are entitled to an extended fraud alert lasting seven years. Should you wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any of the three credit reporting bureaus listed below.

Place Security Freeze. As an alternative to a fraud alert, you have the right to place a "credit freeze" on a credit report, which will prohibit a credit bureau from releasing information in the credit report without your express authorization. The credit freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. However, you should be aware that using a credit freeze may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit. Pursuant to federal law, you cannot be charged to place or lift a credit freeze on your credit report. To request a credit freeze, you should provide the following information:

- 1. Full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., III, etc.);
- 2. Social Security number;
- 3. Date of birth;
- 4. Address for the prior two to five years;
- 5. Proof of current address, such as a current utility or telephone bill;
- 6. A legible photocopy of a government-issued identification card (e.g., state driver's license or identification card); and
- 7. A copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft, if you are a victim of identity theft.

To place a fraud alert or credit freeze, contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below:

TransUnion	Experian	Equifax
1-800-916-8800	1-888-397-3742	1-888-378-4329
www.transunion.com	www.experian.com	www.equifax.com
TransUnion Fraud Alert	Experian Fraud Alert	Equifax Fraud Alert
P.O. Box 2000	P.O. Box 9554	P.O. Box 105069

Chester, PA 19016-2000 TransUnion Credit Freeze	Allen, TX 75013 Experian Credit Freeze	Atlanta, GA 30348-5069 Equifax Credit Freeze
P.O. Box 160	P.O. Box 9554	P.O. Box 105788
Woodlyn, PA 19094	Allen, TX 75013	Atlanta, GA 30348-5788

<u>Obtain Additional Information.</u> You can further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, credit freezes, and the steps you can take to protect your personal information by contacting the credit reporting bureaus, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), or your state Attorney General. The FTC also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them.

The FTC may be reached at 600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20580; www.identitytheft.gov; 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338); and TTY: 1-866-653-4261.

Hertz Farm Management Inc. may be contacted by mail at 415 South 11th Street, Nevada, IA 50201. This notice has not been delayed by law enforcement.

For D.C. Residents, the District of Columbia Attorney General may be contacted at 400 6th Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20001; 202-727-3400; and https://oag.dc.gov/consumer-protection.

For Maryland Residents, the Maryland Attorney General may be contacted at Office of the Attorney General, 200 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202; 1-888-743-0023; and www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov.

For New Mexico Residents, you have rights under the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), which governs the collection and use of information pertaining to you by consumer reporting agencies. For more information about your rights under the FCRA, please visit https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/sites/default/files/articles/pdf/pdf-0096-fair-credit-reporting-act.pdf or www.ftc.gov.

For New York Residents, the New York Attorney General may be contacted at Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341; 1-800-771-7755; and https://ag.ny.gov.

For North Carolina Residents, the North Carolina Attorney General may be contacted at 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001; 1-877-566-7226 or 1-919-716-6000; and www.ncdoj.gov.