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TO: USDA Certified Organic Producers and Handlers

FROM: Mitchell Yergert
Director, Division of Plant Industry

SUBJECT: 2016 Cost Share Reimbursement Procedures

The Colorado Department of Agriculture has signed a new agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture to distribute cost share reimbursement payments for the federal fiscal year (October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016).

Organic operations, who are granted initial certification or who had their certification continued, between **October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016**, will be eligible to apply for cost share reimbursements.

Enclosed are the forms necessary to apply for the 2016 USDA Cost Share reimbursement.

PROCEDURES FOR FY 2016:

Please complete the application, attach necessary forms and submit them to this office via mail or email (barbara.rosenbach@state.co.us) by the **November 15, 2016, deadline.**

Applications will be processed on a first-received basis. Please submit your forms as soon as fees have been paid and your maximum reimbursement has been reached, as the funds which we have received are limited.

Costs paid during the federal fiscal year to obtain organic certification (Application fees, inspection fees, postage, etc.) may be reimbursed up to 75% or \$750.00 per category/scope, whichever is less.

If you have any questions concerning this matter or need additional forms, please feel free to contact Barbara Rosenbach at (303) 869-9051.

Enclosures

