

December 21, 2009

Dear Kansas Organic Producer, Handler or Certifier:

USDA's Agriculture Marketing Service notified us the National Organic Certification Cost-Share Program Agreement 12-25-A-5170 provides Kansas with \$40,000 for cost-share assistance to organic producers or handlers who receive certification, or continue with certification, from October 1, 2009, to September 30, 2010.

Under our new agreement with USDA, and as long as funds remain available, we are able to reimburse producers and handlers up to 75 percent of the cost of organic certification up to \$750, for certification occurring between October 1, 2009, and September 30, 2010.

To receive cost-share funds, you must complete the 2009-2010 Kansas Organic Certification Cost-Share Program Application and submit it with a copy of your organic certification document and an invoice showing the amount you paid for the certification.

I have enclosed the application form for your convenience.

If you have questions, please call Stacey Woolington at (785) 296-3230.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josh Svaty", is written over a horizontal line.

Josh Svaty
Acting Secretary of Agriculture