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Dale A. Rodman, Secretary

Sam Brownback, Governor

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Dear Kansas Organic Producer, Handler or Certifier:

USDA's Agriculture Marketing Service has notified the Kansas Department of Agriculture that the national Organic Certification Cost-Share Program Agreement 12-25-A-5498 will provide Kansas with \$40,000 for cost-share assistance to organic producers or handlers who receive initial certification, or continue with certification, from Oct. 1, 2011 to Sept. 30, 2012.

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 Oct. 1, 2011, and Sept. 30, 2012.

To receive cost-share funds, you must complete the 2011-2012 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 Sarah Green at (785) 296-4172 or Mark Heim at (785) 296-3230.

Thank you,

Dale Rodman  
Secretary of Agriculture