

United States Department of Agriculture

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

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Director Ronald Lacewell Texas AgriLife Research Administration Building, Suite 113 2142 TAMU College Station, TX 77843

Dear Director Lacewell:

The Executive Director on behalf of the Regional Directors Association has RECOMMENDED APPROVAL of the following MRF project S-1046 – Improved management of plant-parasitic nematodes through modern diagnostic tools and increased use of host resistance beginning December 01, 2009 through September 30, 2014. NIFA concurs with the recommendation of the Executive Director and has APPROVED this project. A copy of the approved MRF project outline will be available to all participating stations and agencies via the National Information Management and Support System.

Sincerely

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