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Director Thayne R. Dutson
Oregon – Oregon State University
Agricultural Experiment Station
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Corvallis, 97331-2201

Dear Director Dutson:

The Executive Director on behalf of the Regional Directors Association has RECOMMENDED APPROVAL of the following MRF project W-2177 – Enhancing the Competitiveness and Value of U.S. Beef (from W-1177) beginning October 01, 2007 through September 30, 2012.

CSREES 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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara A. Hewitt".

for Dr. Ralph Otto
Associate Administrator, CSREES

For all other project and program concerns, please contact us at 202-720-0747 or email bhewitt@csrees.usda.gov