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Dear Mr. Johan C. Maris

Congratulations from the USDA/AMS Livestock and Seed Program, Audit, Review, and Compliance Branch! Becoming an accredited certifying agent under the USDA National Organic Program (NOP) is an accomplishment of which you can be very proud. You have reached an important milestone; however, we have more work to do.

Enclosed is a copy of the Quality System Audit Report completed by your auditor. The report summarizes important aspects of your operation and includes a recommendation for accreditation. The report also may include a list of non-compliances that were identified during the final audit. These are the non-compliances referred to on the document entitled Decision on Accreditation that you recently received with the notification of accreditation.

Please send a copy of your response to the non-compliances to both the NOP Manager and the auditor of record on your audit report. If you have any questions regarding these non-compliances, please feel free to contact your auditor. Contact information for the NOP Manager was provided in the document "Decision on Accreditation." Contact information for your auditor may be obtained by calling this office.

It has been a pleasure working with you. Once again, congratulations!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Beth Hayden".

Beth Hayden
Accreditation Manager
ARC Branch