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Mr. Todd Staples
Commissioner
Texas Department of Agriculture
Post Office Box 12847
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Dear Commissioner Staples:

Thank you for your letter of September 9, 2009, concerning the Aquaculture Grant Program (AGP).

In your letter, you encouraged the Farm Service Agency to redistribute unused AGP funds to other States. We appreciate receiving your recommendation. When the program is completed in all States and unused funds are returned to the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), FSA will then determine how to manage any unused funding returned to the CCC.

Again, thank you for your letter. You may be assured that your recommendation will be considered as a determination is made.

Sincerely,

for Carolyn B. Cooksie
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Administrator

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