

**COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
SIGNATURE PAGE**

AGREEMENT NUMBER
20-0232-000-SA

1. This Agreement is entered into between the State Agency and the Recipient named below:

STATE AGENCY'S NAME
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CDFA)

RECIPIENT'S NAME
COUNTY OF TULARE

2. The Agreement Term is: July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

3. The maximum amount of this Agreement is: \$4,550.00


4. The parties agree to comply with the terms and conditions of the following exhibits and attachments which are by this reference made a part of the Agreement:

Exhibit A: Recipient and Project Information		1 Page
Exhibit B: General Terms and Conditions	Approved as to Form County Counsel By: /s/ Aaron Zaheen Matter No. 2020757	3 Page(s)
Exhibit C: Payment and Budget Provisions		1 Page
Attachments: Scope of Work and Budget		

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed by the parties hereto.

RECIPIENT

RECIPIENT'S NAME (Organization's Name)
COUNTY OF TULARE


BY (Authorized Signature) 	DATE SIGNED (Do not type)
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PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING

ADDRESS
4437 S Laspina Street, Tulare, CA 93274

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

AGENCY NAME
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CDFA)

BY (Authorized Signature) 	DATE SIGNED (Do not type)
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PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING
CRYSTAL MYERS, BRANCH CHIEF, OFFICE OF GRANTS ADMINISTRATION

ADDRESS
1220 N STREET, ROOM 120
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

EXHIBIT A

RECIPIENT AND PROJECT INFORMATION

1. CDFA hereby awards an Agreement to the Recipient for the project described herein:
The County will perform inspections per the California Organics Food and Farming Act.

Project Title: Organic Inspections

2. The Managers for this Agreement are:

FOR CDFA:		FOR RECIPIENT:	
Name:	Kiley Potter	Name:	Tom Tucker
Division/Branch:	Inspection Services / Inspection and Compliance	Organization:	COUNTY OF TULARE
Address:	2800 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 100	Address:	4437 S Laspina Street
City/State/Zip:	Sacramento, CA 95833	City/State/Zip:	Tulare, CA 93274
Phone:	916-900-5198	Phone:	559-684-3350
Email Address:	kiley.potter@cdfa.ca.gov	Email Address:	ttucker@co.tulare.ca.us

3. The Grant Administrative Contacts for this Agreement are:

FOR CDFA:		FOR RECIPIENT:	
Name:	Kiley Potter	Name:	David Case
Division/Branch:	Inspection Services / Inspection and Compliance	Organization:	County of Tulare
Address:	2800 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 100	Address:	4437 S. Laspina
City/State/Zip:	Sacramento, CA 95833	City/State/Zip:	Tulare, CA 93274
Phone:	916-900-5198	Phone:	559-684-3350
Email Address:	kiley.potter@cdfa.ca.gov	Email Address:	DCase@co.tulare.ca.us

FISCAL CONTACT FOR RECIPIENT (if different from above):
Name: Melissa Schettel
Organization: County of Tulare
Address: 4437 S. Laspina
City/State/Zip: Tulare, CA 93274
Phone: 559-684-3350
Email Address: MSchettel@co.tulare.ca.us

4. **RECIPIENT: Please check appropriate box below:**

Research and Development (R&D) means all research activities, both basic and applied, and all development activities that are performed by non-Federal entities. The term research also includes activities involving the training of individuals in research techniques where such activities utilize the same facilities as other R&D activities and where such activities are not included in the instruction function.

This award does does not support R&D.

5. For a detailed description of activities to be performed and duties, see Scope of Work and Budget.

EXHIBIT B

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. **Approval**

This Agreement is of no force or effect until signed by both parties. The Recipient may not invoice for activities performed prior to the commencement date or completed after the termination date of this Agreement.

2. **Assignment**

This Agreement is not assignable by the Recipient, either in whole or in part, without the consent of CDFA Agreement Manager or designee in the form of a formal written amendment.

3. **Governing Law**

This Agreement is governed by and will be interpreted in accordance with all applicable State and Federal laws.

4. **State and Federal Law**

It is the responsibility of the Recipient to know and understand which state, federal, and local laws regulations, and ordinances are applicable to this Agreement and Project. Recipient shall be responsible for observing and complying with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations, and failure to comply may constitute a material breach.

5. **Recipient Commitments**

The Recipient accepts and agrees to comply with all terms, provisions, conditions and commitments of the Agreement, including all incorporated documents, and to fulfill all assurances, declarations, representations, and statements made by the Recipient in the application, documents, amendments, and communications in support of its request for funding.

6. **Performance and Assurances**

The Recipient agrees to faithfully and expeditiously perform or cause to be performed all Project work as described in the Scope of Work, and to apply grant funds received only to allowable Project costs in accordance with applicable provisions of the law and Grant Procedures Manual, if applicable.

7. **Mutual Liability**

Each party hereto agrees to be responsible and assume mutual and proportional liability for its own wrongful or negligent acts of omissions, or those of its officers, agents or employees to the full extent required by law.

8. **Unenforceable Provision**

In the event that any provision of this Agreement is unenforceable or held to be unenforceable, then the parties agree that all other provisions of this Agreement have force and effect and will not be affected thereby.

9. **Contractors/Consultants**

The Recipient, and the agents and employees of Recipient, in the performance of this Agreement, are not officers, employees, or agents of the CDFA. The Recipient's obligation to pay its Contractors/Consultants is an independent obligation from the CDFA's obligation to make payments to the Recipient. Recipient agrees to comply with all applicable State and local laws and regulations during the term of this Agreement. All Contractors/Consultants shall have the proper licenses/certificates required in their respective disciplines. The Contractors/Consultants shall not affect the Recipient's overall responsibility for the management of the project, and the Recipient shall reserve sufficient rights and control to enable it to fulfill its responsibilities under this Agreement.

10. **Non-Discrimination Clause**

During the performance of this Agreement, Recipient and its Contractors will not unlawfully discriminate, harass, or allow harassment against any employee or applicant for employment because of sex, sexual orientation, race, color, ancestry, religious creed, national origin, physical or mental disability, medical condition, age, marital status, and denial family care leave.

The Recipient and Contractors will ensure that the evaluation and treatment of their employees and applicants for employment are free from such discrimination and harassment. Recipient and Contractors will comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code Section 12990 *et seq.*) and the applicable regulations promulgated there under (California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 7285 *et seq.*). The applicable regulations of the Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing Government Code Section 12990 (a-f), set forth in Chapter 5 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, are incorporated into this Agreement by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full. Recipient and its Contractors will give written notice of their obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which they have a collective bargaining unit or other Agreement. The Recipient must include the nondiscrimination and compliance provisions of this clause in all subcontracts to perform work under this Agreement.

11. Excise Tax

The State of California is exempt from Federal excise taxes and no payment will be made for any taxes levied on employees' wages. The CDFA will pay for any applicable State of California or local sales or use taxes on the services rendered or equipment or parts supplied pursuant to this Agreement. California may pay any applicable sales and use tax imposed by another State.

12. Disputes

The Recipient must continue with the responsibilities under this Agreement during any dispute. In the event of a dispute, the Recipient must file a "Notice of Dispute" with the CDFA Agreement Manager or designee within ten (10) calendar days of discovery of the problem. The Notice of Dispute must contain the Agreement number. Within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of the Notice of Dispute, the CDFA Agreement Manager or designee must meet with the Recipient for the purpose of resolving the dispute. In the event of a dispute, the language contained within this Agreement prevails.

13. Right to Terminate

This Agreement may be terminated by either party hereto upon written notice delivered to the other party at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the intended date of termination. By such termination, neither party may nullify obligations already incurred prior to the date of termination. In the event of Termination for Convenience of this Agreement by CDFA, CDFA must pay all responsible costs and non-cancellable obligations incurred by the Recipient as of the date of termination.

14. Termination for Cause

Either party reserve the right to immediately terminate this Agreement for cause subject to written notice. However, each party will have ten (10) calendar days after receipt of the termination notice to cure the breach. If the breach is not cured within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of notice, the CDFA shall reimburse the Recipient for all documented costs incurred up to the date of termination, including all non-cancellable obligations.

15. Force Majeure

The Recipient shall not be liable for any failure to perform as required by this Agreement, to the extent such failure to perform is caused by any of the following: labor disturbances or disputes of any kind, accidents, failures of any required governmental approval, civil disorders, acts of aggression, acts of God, energy or other conservation measures, failure of utilities, mechanical breakdowns, materials shortages, disease, or similar occurrences.

16. Suspension of Payments

Reimbursement under this Agreement may be suspended or terminated, or both, and Recipient may be subject to debarment if CDFA determines that Recipient has breached the terms of this Agreement. A determination of breach may be appealed in writing and post marked within ten (10) calendar days of the date of notification, and addressed to CDFA, Legal Hearing and Appeals Office or emailed to CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov.

California Department of Food and Agriculture
Legal Hearing and Appeals Office
1220 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

17. Breach Provisions

The Recipient may be in material breach under this Agreement if it fails to comply with any term of this Agreement. In the event of a material breach, CDFA shall provide in writing a Notice of Breach to the Recipient within ten (10) calendar days upon discovery of breach. Recipient shall have ten (10) calendar days from receipt of the notice to cure the breach. If the Recipient fails to cure the breach within the time prescribed by this Agreement, CDFA may do any of the following:

- A. Suspend payments;
- B. Demand repayment of all funding;
- C. Terminate the Agreement; or
- D. Take any other action deemed necessary to recover costs.

If CDFA determines that Recipient is not in material breach but that a Project is not being implemented in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, or that Recipient has failed in any other respect to comply with the provisions of this Agreement, and if Recipient does not remedy any such failure in a reasonable manner, CDFA may withhold all or any portion of the grant funding and take any other action that CDFA deems necessary to protect its interests.

Where a portion of the grant funding has been disbursed to the Recipient and CDFA notifies Recipient of its decision not to release funds that have been withheld pursuant to Exhibit B, Suspension of Payments Provision, the portion that has been disbursed shall thereafter be repaid immediately. CDFA may consider Recipient's refusal to repay the requested disbursed amount a contract breach subject to the default provisions in Suspension of Payments Provision.

If CDFA notifies Recipient of its decision to withhold the entire funding amount from Recipient pursuant to this paragraph, this Agreement shall terminate upon receipt of such notice by Recipient and CDFA shall no longer be required to provide funds under this Agreement and the Agreement shall no longer be binding on either party.

In the event CDFA finds it necessary to enforce this provision of this Agreement in the manner provided by law, Recipient agrees to pay all costs incurred by CDFA including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees, legal expenses, and costs.

18. Publicity and Acknowledgement

The Recipient agrees that it will acknowledge CDFA's support whenever projects funded, in whole or in part, by this Agreement are publicized in any news media, brochures, publications, audiovisuals, presentations or other types of promotional material in accordance with the Grant Procedures Manual, if applicable. Recipients may not use the CDFA logo.

19. News Releases/Public Conferences

The Recipient agrees to notify the CDFA in writing at least two (2) business days before any news releases or public conferences are initiated by the Recipient or its Contractors/Consultants regarding the project described in the Attachments, Scope of Work and Budget and any project results.

20. Scope of Work and Budget Changes

Changes to the Scope of Work, Budget or the Project term, must be requested in writing to CDFA Grant Administrative Contact no later than thirty (30) days prior to the requested implementation date. Any changes to the Scope of Work and Budget are subject to CDFA approval and, at its discretion, CDFA may choose to accept or deny any changes. If accepted and after negotiations are concluded, the agreed upon changes will be made and become part of this Agreement. CDFA will respond in writing as to whether the proposed changes are accepted.

21. Reporting Requirements

The Recipient agrees to comply with all reporting requirements specified in Scope of Work and/or Grant Procedures Manual, if applicable.

22. Equipment

Purchase of equipment not included in the approved Budget requires prior approval. The Recipient must comply with applicable state requirements regarding the use, maintenance, disposition, and reporting of equipment as contained in CCR, Title 3, Division 1, Chapter 5, Sections 303, 311, 324.1 and 324.2.

23. Closeout

The Agreement will be closed out after the completion of the project or project term, receipt and approval of the final invoice and final report, and resolution of any performance or compliance issues.

24. Confidential and Public Records

The Recipient and CDFA understand that each party may come into possession of information and/or data which may be deemed confidential or proprietary by the person or organization furnishing the information or data. Such information or data may be subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act or the Public Contract Code. CDFA has the sole authority to determine whether the information is exempt from public release. If CDFA deems the data exempt, it shall maintain such information as confidential and notify the Recipient of any requests for release of the information.

25. Property Damage Claims Process

Should a property owner claim damages arising under, related to or involving this Agreement, the Recipient shall forward the property owner's written request for compensation to the CDFA Agreement Manager. The written request shall be fully supported by factual information. The Agency Secretary or designee will have thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of the written request to render a written decision. If a written decision is not rendered within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of the request or the property owner disputes the CDFA's decision, the property owner may file a claim with the California Department of General Services.

26. Amendments

Changes to funding amount or Agreement term require an amendment and must be requested in writing to the CDFA Agreement Manager or designee no later than sixty (60) calendar days prior to the requested implementation date. Amendments are subject to CDFA approval, and, at its discretion, may choose to accept or deny these changes. No amendments are possible if the Agreement is expired.

EXHIBIT C

PAYMENT AND BUDGET PROVISIONS

1. **Invoicing and Payment**

- A. For activities satisfactorily rendered and performed according to the attached Scope of Work and Budget, and upon receipt and approval of the invoices, CDFA agrees to reimburse the Recipient for actual allowable expenditures incurred in accordance with the rates specified herein, which is attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement.
- B. Invoices must include the Agreement Number, performance period, type of activities performed in accordance with this Agreement, and when applicable, a breakdown of the costs of parts and materials, labor charges, and any other relevant information required to ensure proper invoices are submitted for payment.
- C. Unless stated in the Scope of Work and/or Grant Procedures Manual, if applicable, quarterly invoices must be submitted to the CDFA Administrative Contact, within thirty (30) calendar days after the end of each quarter in which activities under this Agreement were performed.
- D. Unless stated in the Scope of Work and/or Grant Procedures Manual, if applicable, a final invoice will be submitted for payment no more than thirty (30) calendar days following the expiration date of this Agreement, or after project is complete, whichever comes first. The final invoice must be clearly marked "Final Invoice" thus indicating that all payment obligations of the CDFA under this Agreement have ceased and that no further payments are due or outstanding.

2. **Allowable Expenses and Fiscal Documentation**

- A. The Recipient must maintain adequate documentation for expenditures of this Agreement to permit the determination of the allowability of expenditures reimbursed by CDFA under this Agreement. If CDFA cannot determine if expenditures are allowable under the terms of this Agreement because records are nonexistent or inadequate according to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, CDFA may disallow the expenditures.
- B. Mileage reimbursement for using a privately-owned vehicle will be at the standard mileage rate established by the United States (U.S.) Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and in effect at the time of travel. The standard mileage rate in effect at the time of travel can be found on [IRS's website](#) regardless of funding source/type.
- C. If domestic travel is a reimbursable expense, receipts must be maintained to support the claimed expenditures. The maximum rates allowable for travel within California are those established by the California Department of Human Resources ([CalHR](#)). The maximum rates allowable for domestic travel outside of California are those established by the United States General Services Administration ([GSA](#)).
- D. If foreign travel is a reimbursable expense, receipts must be maintained to support the claimed expenditures. The maximum rates allowable are those established in a per diem supplement to Section 925, Department of State Standardized Regulations.
- E. The Recipient will maintain and have available, upon request by CDFA, all financial records and documentation pertaining to this Agreement. These records and documentation will be kept for three (3) years after completion of the Agreement period or until final resolution of any performance/compliance review concerns or litigation claims.

3. **Prompt Payment Clause**

Payment will be made in accordance with, and within the time specified in, California Government Code Title 1, Division 3.6, Part 3, Chapter 4.5, commencing with Section 927 - The California Prompt Payment Act.

4. **Budget Contingency Clause**

If funding for any fiscal year is reduced or deleted for purposes of this program, the CDFA has the option to either cancel this Agreement with no liability occurring to the CDFA, or offer to amend the Agreement to reflect the reduced amount.

**State Organic Program (SOP) Cooperative Agreement
2020/2021 Scope of Work**

REGISTRATION FEES

All organic registration applications (new, amended, and renewal) are approved by California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) State Organic Program (SOP) staff. The county receives \$60.00, for each operation it assists with submitting an organic registration application to CDFA for approval.

SPOT INSPECTION PROGRAM

The county is paid \$225.00 for each spot inspection completed for producers, restaurants, handlers, processors, and retail stores. Additionally, the county will conduct spot inspections for registration purposes, as requested by CDFA SOP staff. Farmers' Market inspections are paid at the rate of \$75.00 for the initial visit and first organic participant inspected. An additional \$10.00 is paid for each additional organic participant inspected at that market. Farmers' Market inspections include certified and non-certified Farmers' Markets, and "swap meets."

SUPPLEMENTAL SPOT INSPECTION PROGRAM

When the need arises, supplemental inspections will be approved by CDFA SOP staff at the above spot inspection rates.

SURVEILLANCE RESIDUE (RANDOM/SPOT) SAMPLING PROGRAM

Surveillance Residue samples are randomly collected residue samples that are **NOT** part of an investigation. The county should collect these residue samples as part of its regular organic surveillance activities, to help ensure products do not contain unallowable substances. The county is paid flat rate of \$130.00 for each Surveillance Residue sample collected. Counties must notify CDFA prior to submitting samples for residue testing.

Additional Surveillance Residue samples beyond the total agreement number listed in the county's Fiscal Display, may be collected upon approval from CDFA staff. The county must contact CDFA and receive authorization prior to collecting any additional samples. The county will not be reimbursed for any unauthorized samples collected. **Exception:** If collecting a residue sample is critical, and CDFA staff are not available for approval (weekends/holidays and outside normal business hours), the county may collect the sample without prior approval. However, the county is still required to notify CDFA staff via voicemail or email. CDFA staff may also request the county to collect additional samples. Any additional Surveillance Residue sample collections are paid at the \$130.00 flat rate.

Please refer to the Fiscal Display for additional inspection, sampling, and reimbursement details.

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATIONS

County Organic Program staff are expected to conduct investigations, which includes preparing investigation documents such as final reports and summaries, as assigned by CDFA. The county will be reimbursed for each approved complaint investigation and residue sample(s), collected as part of an investigation. Complaint investigations, costs incurred as part of an investigation, and expenses incurred for residue samples collected as part of an investigation will be reimbursed at actual cost. Time spent preparing investigation documents may also be included as part of the investigation costs.

ADVERSE ACTION NOTICES

County staff must submit proposed adverse action notices for the State Organic Program (SOP) to CDFA for review and approval prior to issuing the notices.

Administrative civil penalties imposed by the county for violations of the California Organic Food and Farming Act shall conform to Administrative Civil Penalty Guidelines set forth in the California Code of Regulations and remain in the county imposing the penalty.

TRAINING

County Organic Program staff are expected to review the CDFA SOP website and attend training conducted by CDFA SOP staff.

County Organic Program staff are also required to complete the following National Organic Program (NOP) online training:

Required Training

1. NOP Organic Training Website: Use the links and instructions under the **For Professionals Responsible for Organic Compliance** section to register on the Organic Integrity Learning Center and complete the following courses:
 - NOP-30: Fundamentals of an Inspection
 - NOP-090: Organic Dairy Compliance (Counties with organic dairy operations)
2. Sound and Sensible Website: Exploring the Organic Option Training Videos
 - The Road to Organic Certification
 - What's the Organic Value Proposition? Video Series (seven videos)

Optional/Recommended Training and Resources

1. NOP Organic Training Website: Use the links and instructions under the **For Professionals Responsible for Organic Compliance** section to register on the Organic Integrity Learning Center and complete the following course:
 - NOP-070: Advanced Inspections: Investigations
2. What is an Organic Systems Plan?

3. Tip Sheets on Organic Standards

The county may use up to 50 percent of its **Estimated Investigation Costs**, as listed in the county's **Fiscal Display**, for approved or required organic program training. This may include organic program training that county staff provide to outside agencies. Training expenses without prior authorization by CDFA SOP staff will not be reimbursed.

County complaint investigation, inspection, sampling, and training **expenses must be itemized** on each invoice. The invoice must include applicable hours, rates, miles, and associated expenses; to receive payment or reimbursement for these expenses. Additionally, any expenses for residue samples collected as part of an investigation must include the name of the operation where the sample was collected and the number of samples.

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

Pursuant to Chapter 10 of Division 17 (commencing with section 46000) of the California Food and Agricultural Code, CDFA will disburse funds to the county for costs incurred in the enforcement of the California Organic Food and Farming Act.

The county will receive payments as appropriate for the following functions:

- Helping operations complete new, amended, and renewal registration applications
- Spot inspections
- Soil and tissue residue sampling
- Complaint investigations
- Approved training and education activities

Disbursements will be made in two block payments: 1) For work completed from July 1 to December 31, 2020; and 2) for work completed from January 1 to June 30, 2021. Counties should submit final invoices for each block of work to CDFA in a timely manner.

The county should monitor its expenditures and contact CDFA immediately if it is at risk of exceeding the total Cooperative Agreement amount.

NOTE: CDFA cannot pay/reimburse the county for organic function activities without a signed (executed) Cooperative Agreement. The county should sign and return the Cooperative Agreement, to ensure payments for Organic Program function activities.

Procedures are outlined in the SOP Quality Systems Manual (QSM). For additional questions, please contact the CDFA State Organic Program.

Tulare Fiscal Display FY 2020/2021

At the discretion of the county, these inspections can be any combination of producer, handler, retailer, farmer's market, or restaurant. **Uncertified operations shall be inspected prior to any certified operations.**

Spot (Random) Inspection Assignments

Amount <u>7</u>	@	Rate <u>\$225.00</u>	Total <u>\$1,575.00</u>
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Farmers Market

Amount <u>3</u>	@	1 st Organic Participant <u>\$75.00</u>	+	Estimated Additional Organic Participants <u>9</u>	@	<u>\$10.00</u>	Total <u>\$315.00</u>
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Estimated Assisted Registrations

Amount <u>9</u>	@	Rate <u>\$60.00</u>	Total <u>\$540.00</u>
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Surveillance Residue (Random) Sampling Costs
(Not part of an investigation)

Amount <u>4</u>	@	Rate <u>\$130.00</u>	Total <u>\$520.00</u>
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Estimated Investigation Costs

(Includes costs for residue samples taken as part of an investigation)

Total <u>\$1,600.00</u>

Total for 2020/2021	<u>\$4,550.00</u>
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