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California Crop Improvement Association  
Dr. Larry R. Teuber  
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Dear Dr. Teuber:

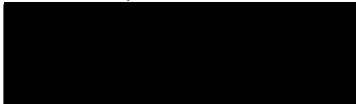
Thank you for submitting your appeal to the USDA, AMS Administrator. The appeal concerns the decision of the National Organic Program (NOP) to revoke your accreditation certification.

The appeal has been dismissed because it was not filed in a timely manner, within 30 days of receipt of the notification to suspend certification. NOP sent its Notice of Proposed Revocation to California Crop Improvement Association (CCIA) on July 31, 2008. The appeal for CCIA was received by the NOP Appeals Staff on September 29, 2008. In the Notice of Proposed Revocation, CCIA was informed that it had 30 days from the date of receipt of the letter to file an appeal.

Because the appeal was not filed in a timely manner, NOP's revocation of CCIA's accreditation certification became effective 30 days after CCIA received the notification.

Thank you for your interest in the National Organic Program.

Sincerely,



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