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**DATE:** March 9, 2016  
**TO:** Honorable Mike Green  
Honorable Nancy Jenkins  
**FROM:** Matt Blakely, Legislative Liaison  
**SUBJECT:** FY 2016 Rural Development Value-Added Grant Report

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In accordance with Public Act 84 of 2015, Section 701(7), attached is the required interim report on the Rural Development Value-Added Grants program.

Additional information regarding the grant program may be directed to Matt Blakely at (517) 284-5720. Questions regarding funding may be directed to Maria Tyszkiewicz at (517) 284-5722.

Attachment

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Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development  
Rural Development Value-Added Grant Program  
FY 2015-16 Interim Boilerplate Report  
P.A. 84 of 2015, Sec. 701(7)

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) is reviewing program guidelines and preparing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Rural Development Value-Added grant program. At this time, no funds have been awarded. It is the intention of MDARD to have these grant funds fully awarded by the next report.