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STATE OF ARIZONA

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Young's Farm
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Dear Gary and Sarah and Friends,

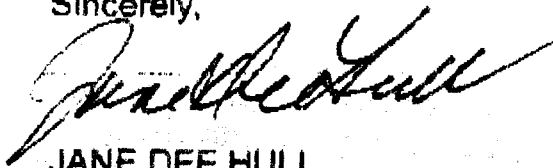
I am writing to offer my most heartfelt congratulations on receiving your Farmland Protection Program Grant. Like many others across the state, I regard Young's Farm as an essential part of Arizona's history, culture, landscape and economy, and am thrilled that your destiny is now much more certain. I greatly admire your perseverance and ingenuity in seeking out every opportunity to continue farming, and today's announcement is a great indication that your hard work has paid off — a lesson I am sure your family has learned time and again on the farm!

I also want to extend my deepest gratitude to Congress, and especially Congressman Bob Stump, for recognizing the importance of preserving working farms and ranches and for generously funding the Farmland Protection Program. I am also grateful to President Bush for signing the bill into law so that funds like these were made available in this fiscal year.

Enormous credit also goes to Mike Somerville, our beloved State Conservationist, and his dedicated and talented staff at the Natural Resource Conservation Service. They took the time and effort to "dig in" to the Young family's situation and were able to secure an unusually generous allocation of funds for Arizona in an extremely competitive program.

I wish the Youngs, the NRCS, the outstanding Central Arizona Land Trust and the Trust for Public Land the very best in all of their continuing efforts to ensure that this Arizona landmark, Young's Farm, remains a place of learning and bounty and beauty for future generations.

Sincerely,



JANE DEE HULL
Governor