Special Farmer/Rancher Note: Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae, Marshall Islands, and Palau

Due to special restrictions placed upon the island groups within the land grant administration of the College of Micronesia (Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae, Marshall Islands, and Palau), **all Farmer/Rancher grant proposals must be submitted as Professional + Producer grants under the direction of a Principal Investigator from the College of Micronesia.**

This new requirement allows the land grant Dean and Director at the College of Micronesia to have adequate fiscal and audit controls on these funds. The Western SARE Center feels that it is the only way to provide proper and fiscal audit controls over such vast distances. Hence, Farmer/Rancher grants within the Pacific insular area need to be administered as Professional + Producer grant proposal with an approved Principal Investigator from the College of Micronesia.

PLEASE NOTE:

- For these special types of Farmer/Rancher grants that are administered as a Professional + Producer grant, there would not be a technical advisor, but **this person would become the principle investigator as in normal Professional + Producer grants**.

- These special types of Farmer/Rancher grants that are administered as a Professional + Producer grant will be handled as progress payment as other Professional + Producer grants. This means a **10% overhead can be charged** by the College of Micronesia and should be budgeted for within the proposed project.

- For these special types of Farmer/Rancher grants that are administered as a Professional + Producer grant, **all of the same requirements that exist in the Farmer/Rancher CFP apply**, such as up to $15,000 per proposal is allowed for a single producer and up to $25,000 is allowed for three or more producers.

It is important to remind those from the pacific insular area (specifically those on Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae, Marshall Islands, and Palau) that although this new requirement applies to those who originate as Farmer/Rancher grants, <u>these same island groups are fully authorized to submit regular Professional + Producer, PDP Competitive, and Research and Education proposals as well.</u>