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TO: Dry Bean Seed Companies

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Please find the enclosed entry form and information for the 2019 CSU Dry Bean Variety Trial which will be conducted in Colorado at Lucerne (Northern Colorado) to test pinto lines. CSU promotes crop variety testing as a service to Colorado's crop producers who depend on us for unbiased and reliable performance information to make better dry bean variety selection decisions. We take pride in producing results that can be trusted as we maintain high standards for reporting and trial integrity.

The results and technical report for the dry bean variety performance trials conducted in 2018, along with trials conducted in previous years, can be found on-line at www.csucrops.com. In the 2018 growing season, we tested 32 unique varieties at Lucerne which had an average trial yield of 2,944 lb/ac and a high yield of 3,706 lb/ac.

2019 trial results will be reported promptly after harvest on the same website and in the fall 2019 issue of the Colorado Bean News published by the Colorado Bean Network. It is widely distributed in Colorado and in neighboring states to bean processors, seed companies, input suppliers, extension agents, and dry bean producers. 2019 results will also be published in the annual Dry Bean Technical Report.

In 2019 we will conduct one dry bean variety trial – at Lucerne, Colorado. The 2019 entry fee for dry bean varieties is \$250 per entry for each pinto variety. All varieties will be planted in replicated test plots and harvested with a research combine. Our farmer cooperators are recognized in the farming community as excellent and reliable bean producers. The cooperators are responsible for seedbed preparation, irrigation, control of diseases and insects, and other production responsibilities. Colorado State University agronomists will conduct the experiments including planting, harvesting, recording of data, and other information.

The attached entry form can be filled out and returned to us via email, or you can fill out the form, print it, and send it to the Crops Testing Program via U.S. mail. The entry form can also be downloaded from the CSU Crop Testing website.

The completed entry form is due by **April 5, 2019**.
Entry fees are **\$250** per pinto variety and payment is
due on or before **April 26, 2019**.

Please make checks payable to **Colorado State
University** and mail to:

Sally Jones-Diamond
CSU Crops Testing Program
1170 Campus Delivery
Fort Collins, CO 80523-1170

Telephone: (970) 491-1914
E-mail: sally.jones@colostate.edu

Send seed to:

Ed Asfeld
Crops Testing Program
40335 County Road GG
Akron, CO 80720

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Seed should arrive in Akron by **April 26, 2019**. A
minimum of **3,500** seeds are required for each pinto
entry.