

January 8, 2001

RE: 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Western Plant Board Meeting

Dear Participant:

The Arizona Department of Agriculture looks forward to your participation in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Western Plant Board Meeting to be held March 25-28, 2001 in Tucson, Arizona. Enclosed is a draft conference agenda, registration, transportation and hotel information. Following are some details for planning your trip and participation in planned events:

#### **Accommodations**

This year's event will be held at the Sheraton Tucson Hotel. The hotel is offering conference guests an \$85 room rate with a complementary, full breakfast buffet available each morning. **Reservations must be made with the hotel by February 16, 2001.**

#### **Kartchner Caverns State Park Tour (Optional)**

The optional Sunday afternoon tour (March 25<sup>th</sup>) will explore over 250,000 years of nature's artistry beneath the beautiful Chihuahuan Desert. Hailed as ***one of the world's top ten show caves***, this natural wonder is now open for guided tours (see enclosed brochure). Due to space availability at the cavern, the ***tour is limited to the first 30 participants*** registered for this activity.

#### **Annual Meeting Banquet**

This year's Annual Meeting Banquet will offer a relaxing opportunity for entertainment, dining and fellowship at the scenic Lazy K Bar Ranch on the edge of the Saguaro National Park. Enjoy spectacular scenery, and dress in casual western wear for comfort. Bring a jacket as we will dine under the stars and enjoy the view of Tucson at night.

Other materials enclosed for your review include a Tucson Visitors Guide and information on the acclaimed Sonoran Desert Museum.

I look forward to receiving your completed registration materials. Contact information is provided on the forms to address any questions you may have as you plan for the meeting.

See you in Tucson!

Sincerely,

G. John Caravetta  
Western Plant Board President