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Bradmer Foods Invests in CCOF's Future Organic Farmer Grant Fund

Baltimore, MD – (June 2, 2014) – Bradmer Foods is pleased to announce its partnership with the California Certified Organic Farmers ("CCOF") Foundation, the UNFI Foundation, Driscoll's, Organic Valley and the National Cooperative Grocers Association in forming the \$70,000 Future Organic Farmer Grant Fund. This fund will provide direct financial support to future organic farmers and agricultural professionals via three grant programs:

- California Kindergarten — 8th Grade teachers can apply through a partnership with the California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom;
- High school students participating in individual Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects can apply through a partnership with Future Farmers of America; and
- Organic agriculture vocational and higher education students who are currently enrolled or have been accepted to start their studies in 2014 can apply directly through CCOF.

Applications for K-8 teachers and higher ed students must be postmarked no later than June 13th while interested high school students will apply through FFA no later than November 15th. This first of its kind program should spur more interest in organic agriculture and help to develop our future organic farming leaders. For more information about the grants and to apply, visit the CCOF Foundation website.

About Bradmer Foods: Bradmer Foods is a consulting and investing firm that partners exclusively with natural and specialty food and beverage businesses to help them grow their brands. Bradmer Foods works with food and beverage entrepreneurs through management and best practice consulting, delivering years of industry experience in ways that enhance a company's existing processes. Bradmer has worked with numerous leading manufacturers, importers and distributors such as Once Again Nut Butter Collective, Virginia Chutney, Sambazon, Mediterranean Sensations, Blue Horizon Wild and Zoup! Broth. Learn more about Bradmer Foods at <http://www.bradmerfoods.com>.

About The CCOF Foundation: The California Certified Organic Farmers ("CCOF") Foundation is unique because of its direct connection to the members of the CCOF Trade Association and the diverse range of organic producers, processors, and retailers who are certified organic by CCOF Certification Services. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) entity founded through private donations and public grants that receives in-kind management and staffing support from the CCOF Trade Association (CCOF, Inc., a 501(c)(5) entity). The CCOF Foundation's 2014 program priorities include providing direct financial support for future organic farmers, providing hardship assistance grants to organic producers, offering technical assistance to organic producers, and promoting public education about the benefits of organic food and agriculture.