



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

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Notice of the 2017-2018 Assessment Rate for the California Citrus Research Program

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Based upon a recommendation by the California Citrus Research Board, the California Department of Food and Agriculture has established an assessment rate for the 2017-2018 marketing season (being the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018) on all types and varieties of California citrus, as defined by the California Citrus Research Program, marketed by producers and received by handlers or processors. The assessment is to be remitted on behalf of the producers by all handlers and processors.

The assessment rate for the 2017-2018 marketing season has been set at a rate of five and three-tenth cents (\$0.053) per 40-pound standard field box, or the equivalent thereof, on all types and varieties of citrus. This is a \$0.008 increase over the assessment rate that was in place last season.

Funds generated from this assessment are used to conduct general production research, a variety improvement research program, a quality assurance program on agricultural chemical residues, pest and disease control functions, and other activities pertinent to the California citrus industry.

As is customary, assessment report forms will be sent periodically to all handlers and processors for the deduction and payment of assessments on behalf of citrus producers. Each handler and processor is required to pay the assessment on the citrus it receives from producers including its own production. Handlers and processors may in turn deduct such assessments paid on behalf of producers from any money owed to those producers.

If you have any questions regarding the Citrus Research Program, please contact Gary Schulz, President of the California Citrus Research Board, at (559) 738-0246. For questions about this assessment order, please contact Kacie Fritz of the Marketing Branch at (916) 900-5095.

Sincerely,

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