



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

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CALIFORNIA RICE RESEARCH PROGRAM
NOTICE OF THE 2020-2021 MARKETING SEASON ASSESSMENT RATE

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Based upon a recommendation by the California Rice Research Board (Board), the California Department of Food and Agriculture (Department) has established an assessment rate on all California rice received by handlers from producers during the 2020-2021 marketing season, which is the period of September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021. The assessment rate for the 2020-2021 marketing season has been set at seven cents per hundredweight (\$0.07/cwt.), or the equivalent thereof, on all dry rough ("paddy") rice. This is the same assessment rate that was in place last season.

Assessments on rice for milling become payable at the time payment is due to the producer: either when the paddy rice is sold to the miller or when a cooperative sells its members' paddy rice, as appropriate. Assessments on rice for seed purposes become due when harvested rice is cleaned or used for seed purposes, whichever is first.

In order to facilitate the collection of assessments, millers, seed cleaners, and all other first handlers of rice are required to collect assessments and remit them to the Board on behalf of producers. Millers may in turn deduct such assessments from monies owed to producers. Seed cleaners may add assessments to the amount charged to producers for performing the rice cleaning service. In addition, assessments for rice under loan with the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) shall be collected from millers or other handlers who handle rice on behalf of producers.

Assessment report forms for the 2020-2021 marketing season will be mailed to all millers, seed cleaners, and other handlers of rice. All assessments must be reported and remitted monthly to the California Rice Research Board.

If you have questions regarding the California Rice Research Program, please contact Dana Dickey, Manager of the California Rice Research Board, at (530) 673-6247, or Kacie Fritz of the Department's Marketing Branch at (916) 900-5095.

Sincerely,

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