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**Notice of the 2009-2010 Assessment Rates for the  
California Dry Bean Research and Marketing Program**

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Upon a recommendation from the California Dry Bean Advisory Board, the California Department of Food and Agriculture has established assessment rates on all varieties of dry beans grown in the state for the 2009-2010 marketing season (April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010).

The general assessment rates levied on dry bean producers and dealers remain unchanged from those in place during the from the 2008-2009 marketing season. Specifically, dry bean producers are required to pay a general rate of seventeen and one-half cents per hundredweight (\$0.175/cwt.) on all dry beans produced. Dry bean dealers are required to pay a general rate of one cent per hundredweight (\$0.01/cwt.) on all dry beans marketed or purchased for marketing.

In addition to the general assessment rate specified above, each producer is required to remit a varietal assessment rate specific to the variety of dry beans he or she produces. The varietal assessment rates for the 2009-2010 marketing season are as follows:

Baby Limas	- four cents per hundredweight (\$0.04/cwt.)
Blackeyes	- seven cents per hundredweight (\$0.07/cwt.)
Common Beans	- three cents per hundredweight (\$0.03/cwt.)
Garbanzos	- three cents per hundredweight (\$0.03/cwt.)
Large Limas	- four cents per hundredweight (\$0.04/cwt.)

The varietal rate for Large Limas is \$0.04/cwt lower than it was last season. All other varietal assessment rates remain unchanged from those in place last season.

Assessment report forms will be sent to warehousemen in the usual manner. Warehousemen are authorized and required to collect and remit assessments on behalf of producers and dealers. If you have any questions regarding the assessment rates for the California Dry Bean Research and Marketing Program, please contact Nathan Sano, Manager of the California Dry Bean Advisory Board, at (559) 591-4866 or Joe Monson with the Marketing Branch at (916) 341-6005.

Sincerely,

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