



November 3, 2009

**NOTICE OF MINOR AMENDMENT AND THE 2009-2010 ASSESSMENT RATE FOR THE  
CALIFORNIA CITRUS RESEARCH PROGRAM**

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Upon a recommendation from the California Citrus Research Board, the California Department of Food and Agriculture has approved a producer assessment rate for the 2009-2010 fiscal year and a minor amendment to the California Citrus Research Program.

In an effort to be consistent with other industry-related organizations, the weight of a standard field box used to track industry volume and report assessment payments has been changed from a 55-pound-container equivalent to a 40-pound-container equivalent. This amendment is strictly for administrative purposes and does not modify the assessable universe or the assessment rate cap, which have both been adjusted accordingly. The minor amendment to the Program will become effective on November 8, 2009.

In addition to the minor amendment, the Department has also approved a producer assessment rate of **\$0.051 per 40-pound standard field box** for the Program's 2009-2010 fiscal year, as recommended by the Board. This rate is equivalent to \$0.070 per 55-pound container and represents a \$0.015 per 40-pound container increase over last year's assessment rate.

The assessment will apply to all types and varieties of citrus, as defined in the California Citrus Research Program, marketed by producers and received by handlers or processors during the period of November 1, 2009 through October 31, 2010. Funds generated from this assessment are used to finance pest control activities and research projects selected by the Citrus Research Board.

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. Handlers and processors may in turn deduct such assessments paid on behalf of producers from any money owed to those producers.

An updated version of the Marketing Order for the California Citrus Research Program will be made available at [www.cdfa.ca.gov/mkt/mkt](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/mkt/mkt). If you have any questions regarding this amendment to the Program or the assessment rate, please contact Ted Batkin, President of the California Citrus Research Board, at (559) 738-0246 or Joe Monson with the Marketing Branch at (916) 341-6005.

Sincerely,

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