



November 16, 2012

**CALIFORNIA GRAPE ROOTSTOCK IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION
NOTICE OF CONTINUATION**

TO THE CALIFORNIA GRAPE ROOTSTOCK PRODUCER ADDRESSED:

The California Grape Rootstock Improvement Commission law requires that every five years the California Department of Food and Agriculture conduct a referendum to determine if grape rootstock nurseries favor continuation of the commission. Based on results of the vote that ended on October 30, 2012, the commission was approved to continue for another five years through to March 31, 2018.

Section 74771 of the commission law requires that at least 40 percent of eligible producers participate in the referendum for it to be valid. Further, for the commission to continue, one of the following must occur:

- (a) A majority of rootstock producers who voted in the referendum must represent at least 65 percent of the volume voted and must be in favor of continuation; or
- (b) At least 65 percent of producers who voted in the referendum must represent a majority of the volume voted and must be in favor of continuation.

Referendum results outlined below meet the criteria for continuation:

Number of eligible producers in California	17
Number of producers who voted in the referendum	11
Percent of eligible producers submitting valid ballots:	64.7%
Percent of total producers voting that favored continuation:	100.0%
Percent of total volume voting that favored continuation:	100.0%

The California Grape Rootstock Improvement Commission conducts research on improvement of grape rootstock on behalf of all rootstock producers in California. These activities are funded by a mandatory assessment on all California rootstock producers. The commission has been in existence since 1992.

For questions about this referendum, call April Izumi at this office. For questions about the commission, call Debbie Murdock at 916.441.2031.

Sincerely,

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