



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

March 5, 2012

**2012-2013 ASSESSMENT RATE ESTABLISHED FOR THE  
CALIFORNIA MELON RESEARCH ADVISORY BOARD**

**California Melon Producers or Handlers:**

Based on recommendation of the California Melon Research Advisory Board, the California Department of Food and Agriculture has established assessment rates on all melons (cantaloupes, honeydews, honeyballs, casabas, crenshaws, Persians, Santa Claus and similar varieties) except watermelons covered by the California Melon Research Program. All melons delivered by producers to handlers and marketed by handlers during the period March 1, 2012, through February 28, 2013, are subject to the following assessment rates:

**A total assessment rate of one and one half cents per hundredweight (\$0.015 per cwt.)  
applicable equally as follows:**

**\$0.0075 per cwt. on handlers**

**\$0.0075 per cwt. on producers**

The Melon Research Advisory Board will supply monthly assessment report forms to any handler who receives melons from producers. Handlers must pay the total assessment, but are authorized to deduct the producer's assessment from any monies owed to the producer. Any producer who is also a handler shall pay both the producer and handler assessments.

Persons who produce or market less than 5,000 standard boxes of melons, or the equivalent, during the 2012-2013 marketing season and who pay assessments may apply for a refund of those assessments after February 28, 2013.

A copy of the Order of the Department establishing these assessment rates and a copy of the California Melon Research Program are available from the Marketing Branch. For questions about the Order of the Department, contact Ms. April Izumi of the Marketing Branch at (916) 900-5176. For questions regarding the program, contact Mr. J.D. Allen, Manager of the California Melon Research Advisory Board at (559) 591-0435.

Sincerely,

Robert Maxie, Chief  
Marketing Branch

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