

August 2, 2012

**CALIFORNIA PISTACHIO RESEARCH PROGRAM  
ASSESSMENT RATE FOR THE 2012-2013 MARKETING SEASON**

TO THE PISTACHIO HANDLER ADDRESSED:

As recommended by the California Pistachio Research Board at its meeting on May 3, 2012, the California Department of Food and Agriculture has established an assessment rate for the 2012-2013 marketing season (August 1, 2012–July 31, 2013) on all California pistachio growers. This assessment is to be remitted on behalf of the growers by pistachio handlers.

**The assessment rate for the 2012-2013 production year has been set at \$0.0035 per pound (\$0.0010 of which is directed towards funding an endowed chair at CSU Fresno).**

The California Pistachio Research Program will provide the assessment form and instructions to all California pistachio handlers in the month of August. Assessment checks are payable to the California Pistachio Research Board and shall be postmarked by December 15, 2012. Assessments postmarked after the December 15 deadline are delinquent and will be assessed a late payment penalty as provided in the California Marketing Act, Section 58930 of the Food and Agricultural Code.

Growers who produce or market less than 1,000 pounds of assessable weight during the 2012-2013 marketing season and who pay assessments may apply for a refund of those assessments after July 31, 2013.

A copy of the Order of the Department establishing the 2012-2013 assessment rate is available from the Marketing Branch. For questions about the Order of the Department, contact April Izumi of the Marketing Branch at (916) 900-5176. For questions regarding the program, call Dr. Bob Klein, manager of the California Pistachio Research Advisory Board at (559) 255-6480.

Sincerely,



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