



March 4, 2013

**CALIFORNIA WHEAT COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF CONTINUATION**

TO THE CALIFORNIA WHEAT PRODUCER ADDRESSED:

The California Wheat Commission law requires that every five years the California Department of Food and Agriculture conduct a referendum to determine if wheat producers favor continuation of the commission. Based on results of the vote that ended on February 14, 2013, the commission was approved to continue for another five years through to April 30, 2018.

The referendum was conducted according to Section 72131 of the commission law, which requires that the question of continuation be submitted to the industry. Section 72131.5 requires that a majority of eligible producers voting in the referendum must favor the commission's operation for another five years for the continuation to be valid.

Below is a summary of the referendum results:

<b>Participation</b>	
Number of wheat producers of record in California	4,405
Number of producers who voted in the referendum	535
Percent of eligible producers submitting valid ballots	12.15%

<b>In favor of continuation</b>	
Number of producers voting that favored continuation	466
Percent of total producers voting that favored continuation	87.1%

The California Wheat Commission is authorized to conduct research, market development and promotion activities and provide for an assessment on all grain grown in California. The statute also defines the makeup of the commission, which is comprised of elected growers and handlers and appointed at-large and public members. The commission sets the assessment, currently at \$.05 per hundred weight, and determines the priority for funding these activities. The commission has been in existence since 1983.

For questions about this referendum, call April Izumi at this office. For questions about the commission, call Janice Cooper at 530.661.1292.

Sincerely,

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