



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

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California Rice Commission Re-approved

To All Interested Parties:

The California Rice Commission Law requires that a referendum be conducted every five years to determine if the Commission should continue. Such a vote was conducted in January 2014. The Law provides that the Commission shall continue unless the Department determines from the referendum that a majority of the eligible producers and a majority of the eligible handlers voting in the referendum voted in favor of terminating the Commission. The results are as follows:

Producers:

Number of valid ballots received:	707
Number of producers voting in favor of termination:	56
Percentage of producers voting in favor of termination:	7.92

Handlers:

Number of valid ballots received:	13
Number of handlers voting in favor of termination:	1
Percentage of handlers voting in favor of termination:	7.69

Since these results fail to meet the requirements to terminate the Commission, **the California Rice Commission is authorized to continue for another five years.**

As you may be aware, the California Rice Commission conducts education, promotion, and research activities on behalf of the California rice industry. These activities are funded by a mandatory assessment on all producers and handlers of rice in California. The Commission is directed by a board of directors consisting of producer representatives from the various producing regions within the State and rice handlers. The Commission has been in existence since the 1999 season.

If you have any questions regarding this referendum, please contact Amy Uber with the Marketing Branch at the address or phone number below. If you have questions about the activities of the California Rice Commission, please contact the Commission's President, Tim Johnson, at (916) 387-2264.

Sincerely,

Robert Maxie, Chief
Marketing Branch

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