



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

April 2, 2014

**2014-2015 ASSESSMENT RATE ESTABLISHED FOR THE  
CALIFORNIA MELON RESEARCH ADVISORY BOARD**

**CALIFORNIA MELON PRODUCERS AND HANDLERS:**

Based on the recommendation of the California Melon Research Board, the Department of Food and Agriculture has established an assessment rate 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, 2014, through February 28, 2015, are subject to the following assessment rate:

**A total assessment rate of one and three-quarter cents per hundredweight (\$0.0175 per cwt.) applicable equally as follows: \$0.00875 per cwt. on handlers and \$0.00875 per cwt. on producers.**

This assessment rate is \$0.0025 higher than last year's rate of \$0.015. The Melon Research Board will supply monthly assessment report forms to all handlers who receive 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 2014-2015 marketing season and who pay assessments may apply for a refund of those assessments after February 28, 2015.

A copy of the Order of the Department establishing this assessment rate and a copy of the California Melon Research Program are available from the Marketing Branch. For questions about the Order of the Department, contact Mr. David Hillis of the Marketing Branch at (916) 900-5018. 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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