



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

July 9, 2015

**NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF MINOR AMENDMENTS TO THE
CALIFORNIA DRY BEAN RESEARCH AND MARKETING PROGRAM
REGARDING CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR
PURSUANT TO SECTION 59111 OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE CODE**

Attention California Dry Bean Producers and Handlers:

The California Department of Food and Agriculture, on recommendation of the California Dry Bean Advisory Board (Board), has approved minor amendments to the California Dry Bean Research and Marketing Program (Program). The minor amendments are shown in Exhibit "A" which is attached to this Notice and will become effective on July 14, 2015.

In brief, the amendments change the Program's fiscal year from April 1 through March 31 to August 1 through July 31. The Board recommended these amendments in order to begin its fiscal year after harvest was completed. Currently the Board must meet in March to set its budget and assessment rate when it is difficult to accurately estimate assessment revenue to be collected for the season. The amendments allow for the Board to more accurately plan its revenue and expenditures.

Sincerely,

Robert Maxie, Chief
Marketing Branch

Attachment

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**CALIFORNIA DRY BEAN RESEARCH AND MARKETING PROGRAM
2015 MINOR AMENDMENT LANGUAGE**

Deletions are shown in **strikeout**, additions are shown in **bold italics**

CALIFORNIA DRY BEAN RESEARCH AND MARKETING PROGRAM

A R T I C L E I

DEFINITIONS

Section A. DEFINITION OF TERMS. As used in this Program, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

19. "Marketing season" or "Fiscal Period" means a twelve-month period beginning ~~April~~ ***August*** 1 of any year and extending through ~~March~~ ***July 31*** of the following year. ***(Amended 7/14/2015)***

A R T I C L E II

DRY BEAN ADVISORY BOARD

3. Except for the initial Advisory Board established under the amended Program, the term of office of members and alternate members shall begin on the first day of ~~March~~ ***July*** of the year in which they are appointed and shall continue at the pleasure of the Department for a period of three (3) years and until their successors have been selected, appointed and have qualified. ***(Amended 7/14/2015)***

A R T I C L E III

VARIETAL COUNCILS

3. Except for the initial Varietal Councils which have been established in conformity with Section C of this Article III, the terms of office of members and alternate members of any Varietal Councils that may be established pursuant to this Program shall begin on the first day of ~~February~~ ***June*** of the year in which they are appointed and shall continue at the pleasure of the Department for a period of three (3) years and until their successors have been selected, appointed, and have qualified. ***(Amended 7/14/2015)***