



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

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California Rice Producers Approve Continuation of the California Rice Research Program

TO ALL CALIFORNIA RICE PRODUCERS:

In a recently completed referendum, California rice growers approved the continuation of the California Rice Research Program (Program). Such a reapproval vote is required every five years. Of the rice growers who voted, 97.55% voted in favor of continuing the operations of the Program. Based on this vote of approval, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) has authorized the Program to operate for another five year period.

The California Rice Research Program (Program) is a state marketing order, which has been in existence since 1969. The Program undertakes research relating to the production, handling, marketing, or utilization of rice. It is also authorized to gather and disseminate weather data as necessary to aid in the production or harvesting of rice. The Program is funded by a mandatory producer assessment on all rice produced for market or seed in California.

If you have any questions regarding the referendum or the Program, please contact Mr. Dana Dickey, Manager of the Rice Research Board, at (530) 673-6247, or Amy Uber of this office at the number below.

Sincerely,

Robert Maxie, Chief
Marketing Branch

