



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

April 12, 2016

**NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF MINOR AMENDMENTS TO THE CALIFORNIA  
DRY BEAN RESEARCH AND MARKETING PROGRAM  
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 April 18, 2016.

In brief, the amendments consolidate the varietal Councils for Blackeyes and Garbanzos into a single Blackeyes-Garbanzos Council. Reducing the number of Councils by one also has the effect of reducing the number of producer members on the Board by two, and likewise reduces by two the number of grower member alternates. The Board recommended these amendments in order to more consistently achieve a quorum on bodies representing producers of Blackeyes and Garbanzos, including the Board as a whole. Currently the Program provides for the Blackeye and Garbanzo varietal categories to each be represented by their own Councils, which has become increasingly difficult given decreasing numbers of producers of those varieties in California. The amendments allow for the Board to more consistently and promptly fulfill its duties to California's dry bean industry.

Sincerely,

Robert Maxie, Chief  
Marketing Branch

Attachment

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**CALIFORNIA DRY BEAN RESEARCH AND MARKETING PROGRAM  
2016 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:

9. "Major Varieties" or "Major Varietal Categories" synonymously refer to dry beans and shall include Baby Limas, Blackeyes, *Garbanzos*, Common (Including Red Kidneys), ~~Garbanzos~~, Large Limas, and Miscellaneous, which is composed of all other varieties of dry beans, as separate varieties or as varietal groups of two or more of said varieties; that any variety may be removed from or added to the "Miscellaneous Varietal Category" by minor amendment procedures pursuant to this Program. (Amended 04/18/2016)

**A R T I C L E   II**

**DRY BEAN ADVISORY BOARD**

1. A Board to be known as the Dry Bean Advisory Board is hereby established to assist the Department in the administration of this Program and to conduct all activities not specifically delegated by said Board to Varietal Councils, subcommittees, consultants, or employees. Said Board shall consist of ~~sixteen~~ *fourteen* members and ~~thirteen~~ *eleven* alternate members. ~~Ten~~ *Eight* members of the Board and their alternates shall be producers. Six members shall be handlers with three alternates and one member shall be neither a producer nor a handler and may be recommended by the Board and appointed by the Department to represent the general public. All of said members shall be appointed by the Department after due consideration is given to those individuals nominated or otherwise recommended for appointment as a result of procedures set forth below in Subsections 4 and 5 of this Article II. No natural person shall hold more than one member or alternate member position on the Advisory Board. (Amended 04/18/2016)

4. Producer representation of the Dry Bean Advisory Board shall be determined by varietal Councils. The major varietal Councils are Baby Limas, Blackeyes-*Garbanzos*, Common (Including Red Kidneys), ~~Garbanzos~~, and Large Limas. Each major varietal Council, established pursuant to Article III of this Program shall be represented by two (2) members and two (2) alternate members on the Advisory Board. Those nominated to represent each major varietal Council on the Board shall be selected by applicable procedures as set forth in Article III of this Program. (Amended 04/18/2016)