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Notice of the 2016-2017 Assessment Rates for the California Dry Bean Research and Marketing Program

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Upon a recommendation from the California Dry Bean Advisory Board, the California Department of Food and Agriculture has established assessment rates on all varieties of dry beans grown in the state during the 2016-2017 marketing season (August 1, 2016 through July 31, 2017). Funding generated from this mandatory assessment is used to conduct promotion and research activities relating to the production and distribution of dry beans.

The general assessment rate levied on dry bean producers is twenty-eight cents per hundredweight (\$0.28/cwt.) on all dry beans produced. This is two cents higher than the rate that was in place last season. The general assessment rate levied on dry bean dealers is one cent per hundredweight (\$0.01/cwt.) on all dry beans marketed or purchased for marketing. This is the same general dealer rate that was in place last season.

In addition to the general producer assessment rate specified above, each producer is required to remit a varietal assessment rate specific to the variety of dry beans he or she produces. The varietal assessment rates for the 2016-2017 marketing season are as follows:

Baby Limas	- nine cents per hundredweight (\$0.09/cwt.)
Blackeyes	- nine cents per hundredweight (\$0.09/cwt.)
Common Beans	- eight cents per hundredweight (\$0.08/cwt.)
Garbanzos	- nine cents per hundredweight (\$0.09/cwt.)
Large Limas	- ten cents per hundredweight (\$0.10/cwt.)

These varietal rates have increased from the previous year by two cents per hundredweight (\$0.02/cwt.) for Blackeyes, two cents per hundredweight (\$0.02/cwt.) for Garbanzos, and by four cents per hundredweight (\$0.04/cwt.) for Large Limas.

Assessment report forms will be sent to warehousemen in the usual manner. Warehousemen are authorized and required to collect and remit assessments on behalf of producers and dealers. If you have any questions regarding the assessment rates for the California Dry Bean Research and Marketing Program, please contact Nathan Sano, Manager of the California Dry Bean Advisory Board, at (559) 591-4866 or Justin Ellerby with the CDFA Marketing Branch at (916) 900-5018.

Sincerely,

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