

September 7, 2016

**CALIFORNIA RICE RESEARCH PROGRAM ASSESSMENT RATE FOR THE  
2016-2017 MARKETING SEASON SET AT \$0.08 PER HUNDREDWEIGHT**

TO THE RICE PRODUCER OR RICE HANDLER ADDRESSED:

As recommended by the Rice Research Board (Board), the California Department of Food and Agriculture has established an assessment rate for the 2016-2017 marketing season (being the period September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017) on all California rice marketed by producers to handlers. The assessment is to be remitted on behalf of the producers by rice handlers.

The assessment rate for the 2016-2017 marketing season has been set at the maximum rate allowable of eight cents per hundredweight (\$0.08/cwt), or the equivalent thereof, on all dry rough ("paddy") rice. The rate is unchanged from last year's assessment.

Assessments on rice for milling become payable at the time payment is due to the grower: either when the paddy rice is sold to the miller or when the cooperative sells members' paddy rice, as appropriate. Assessments on rice for seed purposes become due when harvested rice is cleaned or used for seed purposes, whichever is first.

To facilitate collection, millers, seed cleaners, and all other first rice handlers are required to collect the assessments and remit them to the Rice Research Board for and on behalf of producers. Millers may withhold assessments from monies they owe producers. Seed cleaners may add assessments to the charge they make for cleaning rice. In addition, assessments for rice under loan with the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) shall be collected from millers or other handlers who handle rice on behalf of producers.

Assessment report forms for the 2016-2017 marketing season will be mailed to all millers, seed cleaners, and other handlers of rice. All assessments must be reported and remitted monthly to the Rice Research Board.

If you have questions regarding the Rice Research Program, please contact Mr. Dana Dickey, Manager of the Rice Research Board, at (530) 673-6247. For questions about the assessment order, please contact Kacie Fritz of the Marketing Branch at (916) 900-5095.

Sincerely,



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