



January 22, 2019

**Pepper Producers and Handlers Approve Continuation  
of the California Pepper Commission**

In a recently completed referendum, the California pepper producers and handlers voted to continue the operations of the California Pepper Commission (Commission). The California Pepper Commission Law requires that such a vote be conducted every five years. The referendum results are as follows:

<b>Results of California Pepper Commission Continuation Referendum (conducted December 3, 2018 – January 2, 2019)</b>	
Number of Voting Producers that Voted for Continuation:	20
Percentage of Those <b>Producers</b> Voting Who Favored Continuation:	<b>67%</b>
Number of Voting Handlers that Voted for Continuation:	6
Percentage of Those <b>Handlers</b> Voting Who Favored Continuation:	<b>86%</b>

For the Commission to continue the following two voting results must be achieved:

- a majority of the eligible producers voting in the referendum must vote in favor of continuation, and
- a majority of the eligible handlers voting in the referendum must vote in favor of continuation.

Since 67% of the voting producers and 86% of the voting handlers favored continuation, the California Pepper Commission is authorized to continue for another five years through February 28, 2024.

The California Pepper Commission was established in 1989 to support production research on behalf of the California pepper industry. These activities are funded by a mandatory assessment upon all producers and handlers of peppers in California that is currently \$0.30 per ton on each. The Commission is directed by a board of directors consisting of industry representatives from across the state.

If you have any questions regarding this referendum, please call Kacie Fritz of this office at (916) 900-5018. If you have questions regarding the activities of the Pepper Commission, please call Nathan Sano, Manager of the Commission, at (559) 591-3925.

Sincerely,

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