



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

July 23, 2019

**CALIFORNIA PISTACHIO RESEARCH PROGRAM  
NOTICE OF THE 2019-2020 MARKETING SEASON ASSESSMENT RATE**

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Based upon a recommendation by the California Pistachio Research Board, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (Department) has established an assessment rate for the 2019-2020 pistachio marketing season. This assessment applies to all pistachios received by any processor from producers during the period of August 1, 2019 through July 31, 2020.

The assessment rate for the 2019-2020 marketing season has been set at five-tenths of one cent (\$0.005) per pound of assessable weight pistachios. This is \$0.002 less than the assessment rate that was in place last season.

Funds generated from this assessment are used to conduct research affecting the propagation, production, harvesting, handling or preparation for market of pistachios and to conduct education and outreach programs.

As is customary, an assessment form with instructions will be provided to all pistachio processors during the month of August. Assessment checks are to be made payable to the California Pistachio Research Board and must be postmarked by December 15, 2019. Assessments postmarked after the December 15th deadline will be considered delinquent and will be assessed a late payment penalty as provided in the Section 58930 of the Food and Agricultural Code.

Growers who produce or market less than 1,000 pounds of assessable weight of pistachios during the 2019-2020 marketing season and who pay assessments may apply for a refund of those assessments after July 31, 2020.

If you have any questions regarding the California Pistachio Research Program, please contact Bob Klein, the Program's Manager, at (559) 255-6480. For questions about this assessment notice, please contact Kacie Fritz of the CDFA Marketing Branch at (916) 900-5018.

Sincerely,

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