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**Notice of the 2019-2020 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 (Board), the Department of Food and Agriculture (Department) has established assessment rates on all varieties of dry beans grown in the state during the 2019-2020 marketing season (August 1, 2019 through July 31, 2020). Funding generated from these mandatory assessments are 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. 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. These are the same general rates that were 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 2019-2020 marketing season are as follows:

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

These varietal rates are the same as those in place last season.

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, Board Manager, at (559) 591-4866, or Justin Ellerby with the Department's Marketing Branch at (916) 900-5018.

Sincerely,

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