



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

October 5, 2020

**Notice of the 2020-2021 Assessment Rate for the
California Citrus Research Program
Set at \$0.030 per Standard Field Box**

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Based on a recommendation by the Citrus Research Board, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (Department) has established an assessment rate to be levied on citrus producers during the 2020-2021 marketing season, which is the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. The assessment rate for the 2020-2021 marketing season has been set at three cents (\$0.030) per 40-pound standard field box, or the equivalent thereof, on all types and varieties of citrus, as defined by the California Citrus Research Program, marketed by producers and received by handlers or processors. The 2020-2021 assessment rate is one and eight-tenth cents (\$0.018) less than the rate that was in place during the prior marketing season.

In order to facilitate the collection of assessments, each handler and processor is required to pay the applicable assessment on all citrus received from producers, including its own production. Handlers and processors may in turn deduct such assessments remitted on behalf of producers from any money owed to such producers. As is customary, assessment report forms will be sent periodically to all citrus handlers and processors for the deduction and payment of assessments on behalf of citrus producers.

Funds generated from this assessment are used to conduct general production research, a variety improvement research program, a quality assurance program on agricultural chemical residues, pest and disease control functions, and other activities pertinent to the California citrus industry.

If you have any questions regarding the California Citrus Research Program or this assessment notice, please contact Marcy Martin, President of the Citrus Research Board, at (559) 738-0246, or Kacie Fritz of the Department's Marketing Branch at (916) 900-5095.

Sincerely,

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