



March 10, 2020

**Notice of Assessment Rates for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year
for the California Garlic and Onion Research Program**

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

The California Garlic and Onion Research Board (Board) recently met to make budgetary decisions for its 2020-2021 fiscal year, which is March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021. The purpose of this State marketing order is to conduct research relating to the production, processing and distribution of garlic and onions.

The program is funded by mandatory assessments upon producers and handlers of garlic as defined (*garlic grown in California without regard to whether it is marketed fresh, dehydrated or processed in some other fashion*) and upon producers and handlers of onions as defined (*only those onions grown in California for dehydration*).

In planning for its 2020-2021 fiscal year, the Board recommended, and the California Department of Food and Agriculture (Department) has approved, rates of assessment as shown in the table below. Both assessment rates are higher than last year's rates, which were \$0.025/cwt. total assessment for garlic and \$0.0125 /cwt. total assessment for onions.

| Product | Producer Assessment | Handler Assessment | Total Assessment |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Garlic <i>(for all uses)</i> | \$0.0156 / cwt. | \$0.0156 / cwt. | \$0.0312 / cwt. |
| Onions <i>(for dehydration only)</i> | \$0.0078 / cwt. | \$0.0078 / cwt. | \$0.0156 / cwt. |

As shown above, the assessments are split evenly between producers and handlers. However, in order to facilitate the collection of the assessments, handlers will be required to remit both the producer and the handler portions of the assessment. A handler may subsequently deduct the assessments paid on behalf of a producer from any money owed by the handler to the producer. This is the same process that has been used in past years. Handlers will soon be mailed instructions and forms for remitting these assessments.

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If you have questions regarding this assessment notice or this program, please call Bob Ehn, CEO of the California Garlic and Onion Research Board, at (559) 297-9322, or Justin Ellerby with the Department's Marketing Branch at (916) 900-5018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Monson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "J" and "M".

Joe Monson, Branch Chief
Marketing Branch