



March 30, 2012

**Notice of the 2012-2013 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, the California Department of Food and Agriculture has established assessment rates on all varieties of dry beans grown in the state for the 2012-2013 marketing season (April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013). Funding generated from this mandatory assessment is used to conduct promotion and research activities relating to the production and distribution of dry beans.

The general assessment rates levied on dry bean producers and dealers have changed slightly from those in place during the 2011-2012 marketing season. Specifically, dry bean producers are required to pay a general rate of nineteen cents per hundredweight (\$0.19/cwt.) on all dry beans produced. This represents a 6 percent increase over last year's general rate for producers and will be designated in the Board's budget to fund additional promotional activities. Dry bean dealers are required to pay a general rate of one cent per hundredweight (\$0.01/cwt.) on all dry beans marketed or purchased for marketing.

In addition to the general 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 2012-2013 marketing season are as follows:

Baby Limas	- four cents per hundredweight (\$0.04/cwt.)
Blackeyes	- seven cents per hundredweight (\$0.07/cwt.)
Common Beans	- three cents per hundredweight (\$0.03/cwt.)
Garbanzos	- five cents per hundredweight (\$0.05/cwt.)
Large Limas	- four cents per hundredweight (\$0.04/cwt.)

The varietal rate for Garbanzos is \$0.02/cwt higher than it was last season. All other varietal assessment rates remain unchanged from 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, Manager of the California Dry Bean Advisory Board, at (559) 591-4866 or Joe Monson with the Marketing Branch at (916) 900-5018.

Sincerely,

Robert Maxie, Chief  
Marketing Branch

2012 0329 2012.0329 0541

