

March 11, 2013

**Notice of the 2013 Inspection Fees for the
California Garlic and Onion Dehydrator Inspection Program**

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Upon a recommendation from the California Garlic and Onion Dehydrator Advisory Board (Board), the California Department of Food and Agriculture has established inspection fees of \$18 per load of garlic and \$14 per load of onions for the Board's 2013-2014 fiscal year (April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014). These are the same inspection fees that were in effect last season.

The inspections fees mentioned above apply to all loads, except where exempt, of garlic and onions produced in California for dehydration purposes and delivered to a commercial dehydration facility (dehydrator) in the state. Loads produced and dehydrated by a common principal owner, loads produced outside of California and delivered for dehydration in state, loads of cull-outs from fresh market production, and loads of mixed ownership where purchase price is not based on defect levels are not required to be inspected.

Inspection fees are split equally between the producer and the dehydrator. Specifically, for each load of garlic inspected, a rate of \$9 will be levied on the producer and a rate of \$9 will be levied on the dehydrator. Likewise, for each load of onions inspected, a rate of \$7 will be levied on the producer and a rate of \$7 will be levied on the dehydrator. However, in order to facilitate the collection of inspection fees, dehydrators are required to remit both the producer and the dehydrator portions of the fees on a weekly basis. Dehydrators may subsequently deduct the portion of the fees paid on behalf of producers from any monies owed to producers from whom they received product.

As is customary, weekly inspection remittance report forms will be sent to dehydrators prior to the beginning of the season. All fees due under the California Garlic and Onion Dehydrator Inspection Program should be made payable to the California Garlic and Onion Dehydrator Advisory Board, and be submitted directly to the Board's office at the following address:

California Garlic and Onion Dehydrator Advisory Board
P.O. Box 1800
Davis, CA 95617-1800

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Inspection fees are due and payable on the first day of each week following the week in which inspections took place. If fees are not paid (postmarked) by the first day of the week following the week in which they are due, they will be considered delinquent and may be subject to the penalty provisions of the Food and Agricultural Code.

If you have any questions regarding the inspection fees for the California Garlic and Onion Dehydrator Inspection Program, please contact Tom Ramme, Manager of the California Garlic and Onion Dehydrator Advisory Board, at (530) 759-7501 or Joe Monson with the CDFA Marketing Branch at (916) 900-5018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert Maxie".

Robert Maxie, Chief
Marketing Branch