



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

October 2, 2023

**Notice of the 2023-2024 Assessment Rate for the
California Citrus Research Program
Set at \$0.032 per Standard Field Box**

TO ALL CALIFORNIA CITRUS PRODUCERS AND HANDLERS:

Upon the recommendation of the Citrus Research Board (Board), the California Department of Food and Agriculture (Department) has established an assessment rate to be levied on California citrus producers during the 2023-2024 marketing season, which is the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. The assessment rate for the 2023-2024 marketing season has been set at three and two-tenths cents (\$0.032) per 40-pound standard field box, or the equivalent thereof, of all types and varieties of citrus, as defined by the California Citrus Research Program, marketed by producers and received by handlers or processors during the season. The assessment rate for the 2023-2024 marketing season is the same as last season's rate.

In order to facilitate the collection of assessments, each handler or processor of California citrus is required to remit assessment payments to the Board office on behalf of producers from whom they receive citrus, including their own production. In turn, handlers and processors are authorized to deduct such assessment payments from any money owed to such producers. Assessment forms and additional instructions for reporting and remitting assessments on behalf of producers will be provided to all citrus handlers and processors by the Board office.

Funds generated by 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 this assessment rate or the activities of the California Citrus Research Program, please contact Marcy Martin, President of the Citrus Research Board, at (559) 738-0246, or Steven Donaldson with the Department's Marketing Branch at (916) 202-8682.

Sincerely,

Joe Monson, Branch Chief
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