



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

A. G. Kawamura, Secretary

January 5, 2010

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

The California Food and Agricultural Code authorizes the Secretary of Food and Agriculture to establish a maximum total assessment of two and four tenths cents (\$0.024) per hundredweight of market milk sold in commercial trade channels to fund the operations of the Dairy Marketing Branch. The current rates of assessments are one and two tenths cents (\$0.012) per hundredweight for market milk and one and eight tenths cents (\$0.018) per hundredweight for manufacturing milk, two thirds of which is assessed to producers and one third to handlers.

At its meeting on October 8, 2009, the Dairy Advisory Committee reviewed and approved the proposed budget for the Dairy Marketing Branch for the 2010/11 fiscal year. It was determined that there are sufficient funds to administer the activities of the Branch without collecting further assessments for a period of time.

Therefore, effective for milk produced on or after January 1, 2010, the Secretary is suspending both of the Milk Stabilization Administrative Fees until such time as the program's cash balance is drawn down to a two or three month reserve. Given average costs of administering the program, it is anticipated that the Fee will be suspended for a minimum of seven months. Notification will be provided at such time that it is necessary to re-establish this assessment.

A copy of the Departmental invoice statement reflecting the suspended fees is included on the reverse side of this notice. Anyone who desires a copy of the Order of the Secretary making effective this suspension may obtain one by contacting the Dairy Marketing Branch at the number or address listed below.

Sincerely,

David K. Ikari, Chief
Dairy Marketing Branch

(See Reverse Side)



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
MILK POOLING BRANCH

ASSESSMENT INVOICE FOR JANUARY 2010

ASSESSMENT	POUNDS	RATE	DOLLAR VALUE	ASSESSMENT TOTAL
POOL ADMINISTRATION FEE		0.000110		
MARKET MILK ADMINISTRATION FEE				
PRODUCER HANDLER		0.000000		
PRODUCT RECEIVED FROM PRODUCER LESS BULK PRODUCT SHIPPED OUT				
NET HANDLER FEE		0.000000		
MANUFACTURING MILK ADMIN FEE				
PRODUCER HANDLER		0.000000		
PRODUCT RECEIVED FROM PRODUCER NET HANDLER FEE		0.000000		
DAIRY FOOD CONTROL FEE				
PRODUCER HANDLER		0.000008		
PRODUCT RECEIVED FROM PRODUCER LESS BULK PRODUCT SHIPPED OUT				
NET HANDLER FEE		0.000004		
DAIRY COUNCIL FEE				
PRODUCER				
CLASS 1 PRODUCER RECEIPTS		0.000150		
OTHER PRODUCER RECEIPTS		0.000060		
MANUFACTURING PRODUCER RECEIPTS NET PRODUCER FEE		0.000060		
HANDLER				
OTHER MILK PROCESSED NET HANDLER FEE		0.000060		
MARKET ORDER ASSESSMENT (MARKET) NET CHARGE		0.001000		
MARKET ORDER ASSESSMENT (MANUFACTURING) PRODUCER SECURITY TRUST FUND		0.001000		
CLASS 3 FAT		0.007100		
CLASS 3 SNF NET CHARGE		0.002900		

TOTAL FOR ALL ASSESSMENTS