CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE
Karen Ross, Secretary

July 3, 2012

To: **All Milk Producers in State Established Milk Inspection Areas**

Subject: **Change in State Dairy Farm Inspection Fees**

In order to maintain dairy farm inspection and sampling activities following General Fund reductions, quarterly inspection fees for dairy farms in State Established Inspection Areas have been changed by state law to the rate specified below. The fee structure has been revised to be calculated on a per hundredweight basis rather than gallons, and both market milk and manufacturing milk are now assessed at the same rate.

Effective July 1, 2012, the inspection fee for both market milk and manufacturing milk dairy farms is:

Twelve cents ($0.12) per hundredweight (cwt) of the first four hundred eighty two thousand (482,000) pounds (lbs) of milk produced during each quarter-year period (maximum $578.40 per quarter) or a minimum of $250 per quarter, whichever is greater.

Fees collected at the new rate during the quarter-year period of July 1 to September 30, 2012 will be due and payable October 1, 2012.

Questions regarding collection procedures may be directed to me at (916) 900-5008 or to our closest Regional Office at the numbers below:

Fresno Regional Office:	Phone - (559) 445-5506, Fax - (559) 445-5509
Oakland Regional Office:	Phone - (510) 622-4810, Fax - (510) 622-4808
Ontario Regional Office:	Phone - (909) 923-9929, Fax - (909) 429-1288
Stockton Regional Office:	Phone - (209) 466-7186, Fax - (209) 466-1738

Sincerely,

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