



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

February 3, 2026

**QUOTA IMPLEMENTATION PLAN  
QUOTA PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT REVISION  
EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2026**

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

The California Food and Agricultural Code (FAC) section 62757 authorizes the Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA or the Department) to establish a standalone quota program if a federal milk marketing order (FMMO) were to be established in California. An FMMO was issued into effect in California in 2018 which resulted in the implementation, via industry referendum, of the Quota Implementation Plan (QIP). QIP became effective on November 1, 2018.

FAC section 62757 and Article 9 of QIP provide for a **program administration assessment** to cover the cost of managing the Quota Administration Program (QAP). Since the inception of QIP, the administration assessment rate was set at \$0.0030 per hundredweight. The Department suspended the administration assessment for one year effective September 1, 2023, then again suspended the assessment effective September 1, 2024 until a new assessment rate was adopted to meet the operational needs of the QAP.

On January 5, 2026, CDFA reviewed its projections and determined that it was necessary to reinstate the administration assessment to make reserve levels consistent with the financial needs of the QAP. This resulted in the QAP Administrative assessment being set to \$0.0039 per hundredweight effective February 1, 2026. On February 2, 2026, during a duly noticed meeting of the Producers Review Board, the Board recommended to the Secretary refunding to producers the remaining funds from the Milk Pooling Branch by adding them to the Quota Administration Assessment Fund and suspending, once again, the administrative assessment, effective March 1, 2026.

The Secretary has considered and approved the Board's recommendations. Accordingly, CDFA has set the program's administration assessment rate to **\$0.0000 per hundredweight** of assessable milk **effective March 1, 2026**. The Assessment Order can be found on the back of this letter.

Sincerely,

**Kathy Diaz**

Kathy Diaz, Director

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