



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

May 29, 2026

**Milk Producer Security Trust Fund
MILK PRODUCER SECURITY TRUST FUND
ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT SUSPENSION
EFFECTIVE May 1, 2026**

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

The California Food and Agricultural Code (FAC) section 62506 created the Milk Producers Security Trust Fund (MPSTF) in California; section 62660 of the FAC provides for an administrative assessment to cover the cost of administering the MPSTF.

The administrative assessment for the MPSTF has been \$0.00 since 2024 when the MPSTF Board (Board), as an advisory body to the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA or Department), voted to recommend to CDFA reducing MPSTF reserve levels through the suspension of the administrative assessment. The Board met on February 5, 2026 and concurred with CDFA's proposal to re-evaluate the administrative assessment rate in April 2026.

CDFA recently reviewed the MPSTF Administrative Fund and determined that there is no need to modify the existing Administrative assessment rate of \$0.00 to continue operations. CDFA further determined that the suspension of the MPSTF's Administrative assessment shall remain in place until modified by the Department.

On the reverse side is the Order maintaining the suspension of the Administrative assessment on all milk produced beginning May 1, 2026.

Sincerely,

Kathy Diaz
Kathy Diaz, Director
Marketing Services Division

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