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To: Commercial Feed Licensees

The Feed Inspection Advisory Board has recommended the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to continue conducting audits of licensed firms to ensure that all firms are paying their fair share of the Feed Inspection Tonnage Tax.

Firms licensed to manufacture or distribute commercial feed in California will be selected by CDFA to participate in audits conducted by CDFA auditors. Selected firms will be identified based upon a firm's 2006-07 reported tonnage in respect to previously reported tonnage and the growing number of animals fed in California. Similarly, anyone distributing commercial feed without a license as required, will need to obtain a license and be subject to an audit.

If the audit reveals that a firm has overpaid their tax, an appropriate refund will be issued. If the auditor determines that a firm has underpaid its tonnage tax, a penalty fee to cover administrative costs of the audit may be assigned in addition to the tax due.

Should you have any additional questions or concerns regarding this notice please call Program Supervisor Kent Kitade or Program Specialist Mike Davidson at the number above.

Sincerely,

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