



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

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NOTICE TO INDUSTRY

IMMEDIATE RELEASE: **Tonnage Tax Report Changes** **CORRECTED**

The intent of this Notice is to inform the California feed industry of changes in tonnage tax reporting being implemented by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Commercial Feed Regulatory Program (CFRP). The CFRP is committed to implementing and optimizing thorough and accurate data reporting about by-product diversion. These changes in reporting will illustrate the vital role of by-products and demonstrate the sustainability and significance of the “highest and best use” concept that human food by-products continue to have throughout California.

Licensees will see these new changes in tonnage tax reporting within the ExtraView Database and on the Tonnage Reporting Form. [This change will be effective APRIL 1, 2021, for all Quarter 1 tonnage reporting \(January through March 2021\) and all ongoing reporting.](#)

These changes will include expanded and specified reporting such as overall feed categories, specific feed or ingredient, and intended species. Human food by-products are exclusively defined within the four following categories: Wet Food Processing Waste; Recovered Retail Food; Restaurant Food Waste; and, Cull Fruits and Vegetables. Detailed definitions of all categories listed above can be found at CDFA’s CFRP website at https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/is/ffldrs/pdfs/Human_Food_Waste_Byproducts_Definitions.pdf.

Additionally, the CFRP is working diligently to publish regulations pertaining to the incentivization of licensing and tonnage tax reporting of by-products, including assessing licensees at a lower tonnage tax and license rate. Notification will be provided to industry when the regulations are published.

For additional information or questions, please contact the CFRP at (916) 900-5022.

Sincerely,

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