



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

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NOTICE TO INDUSTRY

IMMEDIATE RELEASE: **Commercial Feed License** **Changes**

The intent of this Notice is to inform the California feed industry of changes in commercial feed licensing that are being implemented by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Commercial Feed Regulatory Program (CFRP). The CFRP is committed to improving the licensing process to clarify, optimize and streamline reporting. These changes in licensing and tonnage reporting incentivize human food waste by-products being diverted to animal feed. The CFRP is working with our state agency partners to highlight the effectiveness of the livestock feed industry's ability to divert large quantities of human food by-products to livestock feed.

Licensees will see these new changes in the licensing application within the ExtraView Database and on the Commercial Feed License Application form. [Changes will be effective July 1, 2021, for all license renewals and new commercial feed licenses.](#)

These changes will include a new commercial feed license type for firms solely engaged in the diversion of human food by-products to animal feed, expanded feed classifications, a how-to guide to help with maneuvering the new changes, and new questions within the license application. The new questions within the license application will need to be answered by renewing licensees as well, as these will be required fields for licensees to proceed in their application or renewal.

Additionally, the CFRP has worked 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. These regulations have recently been published on CDFA's website at <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/is/regulations.html> and are open to public comments until August 9, 2021.

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

Sincerely,

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