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NOTICE TO COMMERCIAL FEED INDUSTRY

Inspection Tonnage Tax rate decrease, effective July 1, 2026

Food and Agricultural Code, Division 7, Chapter 6, Article 11, Section 15061 states:

15061. (a) *An inspection tonnage tax at the maximum rate of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per ton of commercial feed sold, except whole grains, and whole hays when unmixed, shall be paid to the secretary by any person who distributes commercial feed to a 9 consumer-buyer in this state. The distributor shall also pay an inspection tonnage tax for purchased commercial feed fed to the distributor's own animals.*

(b) *The secretary may, based on a finding and recommendation of the board, determine the specific rate necessary to provide the revenue needed to carry out this chapter. The secretary and the board shall not exceed the maximum tonnage rate established by this section. The setting of the tonnage tax rate shall not be subject to Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.*

On March 10, 2026, the Feed Inspection Advisory Board (FIAB) reviewed program revenue, expenditures, and operational reserves and made a recommendation to the Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture to decrease the inspection tonnage tax rate from thirteen cents (\$0.13) per ton to eleven cents (\$0.11) per ton, leaving the diversion rate at half the cost of regular tonnage tax at \$0.055 cents per ton, effective July 1, 2026.

The inspection tonnage tax rate decrease will be reflected in the ExtraView database for Q3 2026 inspection tonnage tax reporting.

Please direct any questions regarding the inspection tonnage tax rate decrease to feed_lvstk@cdfa.ca.gov, or call the office main line at (916) 900-5022.

Sincerely,

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