



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

A. G. Kawamura, Secretary

February 27, 2009

**NOTICE OF ISSUANCE PURSUANT TO SECTION 59174 OF THE FOOD
AND AGRICULTURAL CODE OF
THE 2009 SEASONAL REGULATION PERTAINING TO GRADE AND
INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
MARKETING ORDER FOR PROCESSING STRAWBERRIES**

TO THE CALIFORNIA STRAWBERRY PROCESSOR ADDRESSED:

Upon the request of the Processing Strawberry Advisory Board, the California Department of Food and Agriculture has issued and made effective a Seasonal Grade Regulation, as attached, for the Marketing Order for Processing Strawberries. This Regulation becomes effective on March 2, 2009, and is effective through December 31, 2009. The Regulation defines the three grades of strawberries for processing. Additionally, the Regulation requires that any processor receiving in excess of 1,000 crates of any grade of strawberries in any calendar day must notify the Manager of the Processing Strawberry Advisory Board to request inspection for the fruit being received. Requests for inspection shall be made not less than twenty-four hours in advance of the time inspection is to be performed.

This Notice of Issuance of the Seasonal Grade Regulation is issued in compliance with Section 59174 of the Food and Agricultural Code. A copy of the Order of the Department making effective the Seasonal Grade Regulation is on file in the office of the Marketing Branch of the Department of Food and Agriculture and is available upon request. If you have any questions about the Seasonal Grade Regulation or the Marketing Order for Processing Strawberries, please contact Mr. Roger Wyant, Manager, Processing Strawberry Advisory Board at P.O. Box 929, Watsonville, California, 95077, at (831) 724-5454. You may also contact Glenn Yost at this office.

Sincerely,

Robert Maxie, Branch Chief
Marketing Branch

