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CALIFORNIA RICE RESEARCH PROGRAM
NOTICE OF THE 2017/18 MARKETING SEASON ASSESSMENT RATE

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Based upon a recommendation by the California Rice Research Board, the California Department of Food and Agriculture has established an assessment rate for the 2017-2018 marketing season on all California rice received by any handler from producers during the period of September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018.

The assessment rate for the 2017-2018 marketing season has been set at five cents per hundredweight (\$0.05/cwt), or the equivalent thereof, on all dry rough (“paddy”) rice. This is a \$0.03 decrease over the assessment rate that was in place last season.

Assessments on rice for milling become payable at the time payment is due to the grower: either when the paddy rice is sold to the miller or when a cooperative sells its members’ paddy rice, as appropriate. Assessments on rice for seed purposes becomes due when harvested rice is cleaned or used for seed purposes, whichever is first.

To facilitate collection, millers, seed cleaners, and all other first rice handlers are required to collect the assessments and remit them to the Rice Research Board for and on behalf of producers. Millers may withhold assessments from monies they owe producers. Seed cleaners may add assessments to the charge they make for cleaning rice. In addition, assessments for rice under loan with the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) shall be collected from millers or other handlers who handle rice on behalf of producers.

Assessment report forms for the 2017-2018 marketing season will be mailed to all millers, seed cleaners, and other handlers of rice. All assessments must be reported and remitted monthly to the Rice Research Board.

If you have questions regarding the Rice Research Program, please contact Mr. Dana Dickey, Manager of the Rice Research Board, at (530) 673-6247. For questions about the assessment order, please contact Kacie Fritz of the Marketing Branch at (916) 900-5095.

Sincerely,



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