



July 29, 2024

**Notice of the 2024-2025 Assessment Rate for the
California Pistachio Research Program
Set at \$0.0015 per pound**

TO ALL CALIFORNIA PISTACHIO PRODUCERS AND PROCESSORS:

Upon the recommendation of the California Pistachio Research Board (Board), the California Department of Food and Agriculture (Department) has established an assessment rate to be levied on California pistachio producers during the 2024-2025 marketing season, which is the period of August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2025. The assessment rate for the 2024-2025 marketing season has been set at \$0.0015 per pound of assessable weight of pistachios received by processors from producers during the season. The assessment rate for the 2024-2025 marketing season is the same as last season's rate.

In order to facilitate the collection of assessments, each processor of California pistachios is required to remit assessment payments to the Board office on behalf of the producers from whom they receive product. In turn, processors are authorized to deduct such assessment payments from amounts owed to such producers. During the month of August, the Board office will provide all processors with assessment forms and additional instructions for reporting and remitting assessments. Assessment checks are to be made payable to the California Pistachio Research Board and must be postmarked by December 15, 2024. Assessment payments postmarked after this due date will be considered delinquent and may be subject to penalties and fees provided in Section 58930 of the Food and Agricultural Code.

Persons who produce less than 1,000 pounds of assessable weight of pistachios for sale during the 2024-2025 marketing season, and from whom assessments are collected, may apply for a refund of assessment payments after July 31, 2025.

Funds generated by this assessment are used to conduct research related to the propagation, production, harvesting, handling, and preparation for market of pistachios, and to conduct education and outreach activities on behalf of California's pistachio industry.

If you have any questions regarding this assessment rate or the activities of the California Pistachio Research Program, please contact Stephen Vasquez, Executive Director of the California Pistachio Research Board, at (559) 255-6480, or Mirek Wilczek with the Department's Marketing Branch at (916) 900-5018.

Sincerely,

Joe Monson, Branch Chief
Marketing Branch

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