



August 23, 2013

**MARKETING ORDER FOR CALIFORNIA RAISINS
ASSESSMENT RATE FOR THE
2013-2014 MARKETING SEASON ESTABLISHED AT \$0.00**

TO THE CALIFORNIA RAISIN PACKER OR PRODUCER ADDRESSED:

Upon the recommendation of the California Raisin Marketing Board (CRMB), the California Department of Food and Agriculture (Department) has established an assessment rate of zero (\$0.00) per ton or the equivalent thereof, on all California raisins delivered by producers. This assessment applies to all free tonnage, all reserve tonnage sold for free use and all reserve tonnage sold to packers as replacement tonnage for export programs during the 2013-2014 marketing season, which begins on August 1, 2013, and runs through July 31, 2014.

The CRMB set the assessment rate at zero for the upcoming marketing season pending the outcome of current litigation. The Board determined it can fund limited activities with existing non-restricted reserves.

While the assessment rate for the 2013-2014 fiscal year has been set to zero dollars (\$0.00 dollars), packers are reminded of their obligation to remit to the CRMB any grower assessments that may be outstanding from prior fiscal years. Assessments due for prior years under the Marketing Order for California Raisins should be remitted directly to the California Raisin Marketing Board at 2445 Capitol Street, Suite 200, Fresno, CA 93721. As usual, the Department will handle the collection of any delinquent prior-year assessments.

A copy of the Order of the Department establishing the assessment rate is available upon request. If you have any questions concerning the assessment rate or the Marketing Order for California Raisins, please feel free to contact Gary Schulz, the President of the Board, at (559) 248-0287, or Kathy Diaz-Cretu at the Marketing Branch.

Sincerely,

Robert Maxie, Chief
Marketing Branch

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