

November 24, 2021

To: Handlers, Producers, and Producer-Handlers of Milk
Subject: Change in Milk Assessment Rates (Milk and Dairy Food Safety)

Per Food and Agricultural Code (FAC) Sections 34301 and 34302, all producers, producer-handlers, and handlers of milk in the state are assessed a fee by CDFA for the supervision of bacteriological tests, and the weighing, measuring, sampling, and sanitary loading and unloading of all bulk milk delivered to handlers. This oversight is required by the FAC and the federal Pasteurized Milk Ordinance for purposes of ensuring the safety and quality of California milk sold in the state and in interstate commerce.

The current milk assessment rates are \$0.0008 per hundred-weight (cwt) of milk for producers and \$0.0004 per cwt of milk for handlers. Per FAC 34303, the rate of assessment paid by producers and the rate paid by handlers must always be in the ratio of 2 to 1. The assessment applies to both market milk and manufacturing milk.

Due to increased program costs, effective January 1, 2022, the assessment rates are being increased to \$0.0009/cwt of milk for producers and \$0.00045/cwt of milk for handlers.

The above fees for the described Milk and Dairy Food Safety Branch activities will continue to be collected through the monthly milk assessment administrative procedures of the Marketing Division of CDFA.

Questions regarding the fees or collection procedures may be directed to me at (916) 900-5008

Sincerely,



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Animal Health and Food Safety Services

Enclosure

cc: Dr. Annette Jones, State Veterinarian and Director, AHFSS

