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**DATE:** September 19, 2018  
**TO:** All Oregon Caneberry Grower Packers & Fresh Marketers  
**FROM:** Oregon Raspberry & Blackberry Commission  
**RE:** 2018 Grower Packer / Fresh Market Assessment Prices & Reports

The Oregon Raspberry & Blackberry Commission average grower/packer and fresh-market prices for 2018 assessments are on the reverse side of this letter. These numbers are generated as an industry average to be used by the commission for assessment purposes only. The current assessment rates are to be calculated at 1% of the gross value of the raw product. Grower packers and fresh marketers will use the estimated average prices to calculate these assessments.

Please use the enclosed form to report your tallied totals of each species' pounds, cash value and 1% assessment. Use the check boxes to indicate which period you are reporting for and include your company contact information and signature. Additional forms may be printed from: [www.oregon-berries.com/the-orbc](http://www.oregon-berries.com/the-orbc)

All assessment reports and payments for caneberries are due no later than:

1. **OCTOBER 15, 2018** for berries purchased or delivered to the first purchaser from November 30, 2017 through August 31, 2018, and
2. **DECEMBER 15, 2018** for berries purchased or delivered to the first purchaser from September 1, 2018 through November 29, 2018.

A 10% late fee is imposed if **postmarked** later than **OCTOBER 15, 2018** (Period 1) and/or **DECEMBER 15, 2018** (Period 2). No grace period is allowed under Oregon statutes.

**\*\*Please disregard this letter if all of your berries are sold directly to a Processor. It is the Processor's responsibility to report and pay these assessments.**

**\*\*You are exempt from reporting if you sell less than 5,000 lbs. of caneberries, or if you are an \*organic producer (see below).**

\*An organic producer will be exempt from assessment if the producer presents the following information to the commission by October 15th of each year:

(a) Either:

(i) A current certificate from a certifying agent under the Organic Foods Production Act, 7 U.S.C. § 6501-6522 and its implementing regulations; **or**

(ii) A statement of exemption from certification under the Organic Foods Production Act, 7 U.S.C. § 6501-6522 and its implementing regulations; **and**

(b) A production report signed by the producer containing the producer's name, mailing address, species of berries, and pounds and price for each species.

If you have questions regarding the enclosed assessment form, please contact the business office at 541-758-4043. We will be glad to help. **Thank you.**

Sincerely, Connie Gütt, Office Manager

The following are the Average Assessment Prices to be used by grower packers and fresh marketers to determine their assessments. The prices were determined from a two phase process:

1. Once the ORBC received from packers the results of the 2018 Average Grower Packer Assessment Price Questionnaire, a non-weighted average was compiled.
2. The Oregon Raspberry & Blackberry Commission reviewed the prices and made adjustments based on their knowledge of industry prices for the year.

We would like to express our thanks to all the packers who participated in the price survey.

### **Grower Packer / Fresh Market Assessment Prices<sup>†</sup>**

The only purpose for these prices is for determining the grower packer / fresh market assessment.

<b>BERRY</b>	<b>HANDPICKED</b>	<b>MACHINE PICK IQF</b>	<b>MACHINE PICK B-GRADE</b>	<b>JUICE GRADE</b>
<b>Black Raspberry</b>	2.63	2.63	2.63	2.00
<b>Red Raspberry</b>	.70	.70	.60	.50
<b>Black Diamond</b>	.71	.71	.60	.33
<b>Boysenberry</b>	1.05	1.05	.90	.70
<b>Chester</b>	.68	.68	.56	.33
<b>Columbia Star</b>	.83	.83	.70	.33
<b>Evergreen</b>	.68	.68	.56	.40
<b>Kotata</b>	.68	.68	.48	.33
<b>Marionberry</b>	.70	.70	.60	.36
<b>Obsidian</b>	.68	.68	.48	.33
<b>Silvan</b>	.58	.58	.40	.33
<b>Other_____</b>	.66	.66	.45	.33

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<sup>†</sup> Not a weighted average