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DATE: September 16, 2022,
TO: Oregon Caneberry Handlers & Grower Packers
FROM: Oregon Raspberry & Blackberry Commission
RE: 2022 Handler (Packer/Processor) Assessments

ASSESSMENT REPORT FORM - Please use the enclosed form to report your tallied totals of each varieties 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.

The ORBC removed the organic assessment exemption of caneberries through a rule change process in spring of 2022. Organic caneberries should be included in the 2022 crop year assessment, listed separately by variety and assessed at the same rate of 1%.

The industry has requested that the ORBC work to set up a USDA crop insurance program for NW caneberries. In order to begin this process, the commission needs to provide a report of acres of caneberries by county. The 2022 grower detail form has a column to fill in acres for this purpose.

Caneberry Assessment reports and payments for the 2022 crop year are due by:

1. **October 15, 2022** for berries purchased or delivered to the first purchaser from November 30, 2021 through August 31, 2022, and
2. **December 15, 2022** for berries purchased or delivered to the first purchaser from September 1, 2022 through November 29, 2022.

A 10% late fee is imposed if **postmarked** later than **October 15, 2022** (Period 1) and/or **December 15, 2022** (Period 2). No grace period is allowed under Oregon statutes.

Summary Form (Page 1) is for the purpose of reporting your firm's grand totals. Please report tallied totals for each variety in pounds, cash value and 1% assessment. Use the check boxes to indicate which period you are reporting for. Company contact information and a signature are required.

Grower Detail Form (Page 2) is provided for the purpose of reporting detailed grower information. You may use additional sheets as needed. Your company computer detailed printouts are also acceptable, providing they follow the required format and include the complete information for each grower (see below).

- The name and full address and email of each grower
- Each type of berry delivered (pack type of each berry is not necessary)
- Total poundage of each berry type, and
- 1% Assessment amount for each berry type.
- Acres of caneberries

If you have any questions concerning reporting assessments, please call the business office at 503-208-5589. We will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,
Darcy Kochis, Commission Administrator

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 Oregon Raspberry & Blackberry Commission received from packers the results of the 2022 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⁺

The only purpose for these prices is for determining the grower packer and fresh market assessments.

BERRY	MACHINE PICK IQF
Black Raspberry	4.00
Red Raspberry	2.40
Black Diamond	1.55
Boysenberry	1.80
Chester	1.55
Columbia Star	1.60
Evergreen	1.55
Kotata	1.55
Marionberry	1.55
Obsidian	1.55
Thornless Marion	1.70
Other	1.55