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DATE: September 25, 2023
TO: Oregon Caneberry Growers, Packers & Fresh Marketers
FROM: Darcy Kochis, Oregon Raspberry & Blackberry Commission
RE: 2023 Assessment Payments & Reports

The Oregon Raspberry & Blackberry Commission collects assessment from all growers and grower packers, who produce over 500 pounds of Oregon caneberries. [OAR 611-10-05 through 611-10-15](#) 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 estimated average prices to calculate these assessments. The annual average price survey was conducted but accurate and sufficient data was not able to be provided at this time. Please use your own estimates or contact the commission office for more assistance.

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.

All assessment reports and payments for caneberries are due by:

1. **October 15, 2023** for berries purchased or delivered to the first purchaser from November 30, 2022 through August 31, 2023, and
2. **December 15, 2023** for berries purchased or delivered to the first purchaser from September 1, 2023 through November 29, 2023.

A 10% late fee is imposed if **postmarked** later than **October 15, 2023** (Period 1) and/or **December 15, 2023** (Period 2). No grace period is allowed under Oregon statutes.

Please disregard this letter if all 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 500 pounds of caneberries.

The ORBC reduced the threshold to 500 pounds and removed the organic assessment exemption of caneberries through a rule change process in spring of 2022. Organic caneberries should be included in the 2023 crop year assessment, listed separately by variety and assessed at the same rate of 1%.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed form, please call the business office at 503-208-5589. We will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

Darcy Kochis, Commission Administrator