

TEXAS WHEAT PRODUCERS BOARD ASSESSMENT NOTICE



Texas Wheat Assessment Notice

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WHEAT ASSESSMENT

ATTN: ALL WHEAT BUYERS, HANDLERS AND PROCESSORS

The enclosed "ASSESSMENT NOTICE" advises you on the binding 3¢ per bushel assessment on all wheat sold in Texas in 2024 and afterward, when handled, stored, processed, fed, placed in a loan or purchased direct from producers, effective the date you receive this notice. The enclosed notice is suitable for posting in view of your customers and for your information and use. Please distribute this notice to the appropriate elevator locations - extra copies may be requested from the Texas Wheat Producers Board.

Following a statewide producer vote ending January 20, 2023, the Texas Wheat Producers Board acted to increase the statewide wheat assessment limit to 3¢ per bushel effective April 1, 2023. It is known that some receiving this notice may handle only corn, grain sorghum, rice or other products; therefore, said handlers would not be required to make any assessment to Texas Wheat.

Specifically, the assessment continues to be "across the board" on all wheat; there are no exemptions. Accordingly, there are no exemption forms or receipts of any kind from the board for you to fill out or send in to Texas Wheat. The buyers, handlers, purchasers, feedyards, FSA offices, etc.'s only responsibility is to take the 3¢ deduction from the producers' proceeds by multiplying .03 by the number of bushels sold and show the deduction on your regular invoice, settlement sheet, check stub or whatever documentation you normally provide to the producer.

You will continue to receive a Wheat Assessment Report and Current Remittance Form from the board at the beginning of each month, which calls for you to complete remittance information and return it with payment in the provided postage paid business reply envelope.

Your efforts and contributions to the success of this program are recognized and appreciated. Texas producers have voted in favor of the self-assessment to improve their economic position through market development, research and educational programs. We appreciate your partnership in seeking an improved outlook for Texas wheat farmers.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [TEXASWHEAT.ORG/CHECKOFF](https://texaswheat.org/checkoff).

— Thank you for your support of the Texas Wheat Producers Board! —



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ASSESSMENT NOTICE

EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2024

3 CENTS (3¢) PER BUSHEL

ALL WHEAT SOLD IN TEXAS

Action in a referendum by Texas wheat producers completed January 20, 2023, in compliance with the Texas Commodity Referendum Law, established the maximum rate of the statewide checkoff assessment on all wheat sold in Texas. The Texas Wheat Producers Board acted on February 16, 2023, to set the assessment rate at three cents per bushel, effective April 1, 2023.

Collections to be made by **FIRST HANDLER** with monthly deposits to
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An assessment of three cents (\$0.03) per bushel is in place on all wheat sold in Texas. Collections are to be made by the “first handler” whether sold, placed in private or government storage, warehouse receipt issued, cleaned for seed, processed or shipped. There are no exemptions from this assessment on the part of producers or for making collection on the part of firms handling wheat. This includes elevators, gins, pick-up points, shippers, seed companies, mills, feeding facilities, FSA offices, etc. Failure to make collection or pay the assessment is a misdemeanor subject to penalty of the law and administrative penalties.

TEXAS COMMODITY REFERENDUM LAW.

General Policy Provisions.

The law states that it is in the interest of the public welfare of the State of Texas that the producers of any agricultural commodity be permitted and encouraged to develop, carry out and participate in programs of research, disease and insect control, predator control, education and promotion designed to encourage the production, marketing and use of the agricultural commodity. The programs may be devised to alleviate any circumstance or condition that serves to impede the production, marketing or use of any agricultural commodity -- in this instance, wheat.

REFUND.

While there is no exemption from paying the three cent assessment, the law provides that any producer who has paid such assessment may obtain a refund of the amount paid, if application for a refund is made within 60 days after date of payment. Such application shall be in simple letter form, accompanied by proof of payment and filed with the Texas Wheat Producers Board. Refunds will be made within 30 days after receipt of such request and receipt of such funds from the handlers. The handler has no responsibility or authority to provide any form or other refund assistance to a producer other than proof of payment on his regular settlement sheet of which the producer receives a copy. **All refund requests can be sent to Texas Wheat Producers Board, 5405 West Interstate 40, Amarillo, TX 79016 or by fax to (806) 352-9204.**

THE TEXAS WHEAT PRODUCERS BOARD.

The Texas Commodity Referendum Law provides that in an assessment referendum, an election of members to a producer board must be held. When certified by the Commissioner of Agriculture, this board has the responsibility to formulate and administer programs and to expend and account for funds collected under the program.

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THE TEXAS WHEAT PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION.

The Association operates as a separate organization from the board and is focused on local, state and national policy issues affecting wheat farmers. Checkoff collections DO NOT constitute membership in the Association, which operates on voluntary private producer membership dues.

THANK YOU!

The Texas Wheat Producers Board would like to sincerely thank you for your continued hard work and dedication to the wheat industry. Your support of our organization allows us to invest in a variety of initiatives to build a better future for Texas wheat.

We look forward to many more years of partnership!