

## IMPORTANT

# ASSESSMENT NOTICE

## CORN PRODUCED IN ALL TEXAS COUNTIES

Action in a referendum by Texas corn producers completed January 23, 2012, in compliance with the Texas Commodity Checkoff law, established the statewide checkoff assessment-collection of one cent per bushel on all corn produced in Texas effective June 1, 2012.

The first Texas checkoff program began in 1980 in a seven county area of the Texas High Plains. Farmers throughout the other 247 counties voted in the April 4, 1990, referendum to extend the program and authority of the Texas Corn Producers Board statewide.

One cent (\$0.01) per bushel (56 pounds)

collections to be made by **FIRST HANDLER** with monthly deposits to

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### TEXAS CORN PRODUCERS BOARD

Assessments of one cent (\$0.01) per bushel have been made on all corn produced 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 corn whether elevators, gins, pick-up points, shippers, seed companies, mills, feeding facilities, or FSA offices, etc. Failure to make collection or pay the assessment is a misdemeanor subject to penalty of the law and is also subject to administrative penalties.

### TEXAS COMMODITY REFERENDUM LAW, (Texas Agricultural Code, Chapter 41)

**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, corn.

**REFUND.** While there is no exemption from paying the one 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 Secretary-Treasurer of the Board. Refund 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 the regular settlement sheet of which the producer receives a copy.

**THE TEXAS CORN PRODUCERS BOARD.** The Texas Commodity Referendum Law provides that in an assessment referendum, an election of members to a producers 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. Board members elected are:

Scott Averhoff, Waxahachie  
Daniel Berglund, Wharton  
Aaron Martinka, Buckholts  
Mark Howard, Dalhart  
Robert Gordon, Dalhart

Braden Gruhlkey, Amarillo  
Charles Ring, Sinton  
Wesley Spurlock, Stratford  
Max Swinburn, Dimmitt  
Bart Thoreson, Gruver

Wesley Valerius, Harlingen  
Dee Vaughan, Dumas  
Jimmy Wedel, Lubbock  
Bruce Wetzel, Sherman  
Steven Yoder, Dalhart

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