

Details on the proposed amendment

1. Reason for referendum

Summerfruit NZ is seeking to amend the Summerfruit Commodity Levies Order (2014) to reflect both industry practice and growers' understanding of how they pay the levy, in particular, on exported summerfruit.

The referendum will ascertain the level of support from potential levy payers for an amendment to the Commodity Levies (Summerfruit) Order 2014.

2. Proposed changes

The following changes are proposed:

2.a Interpretation

In this order, unless the context otherwise requires, **first point of sale**, in the case of export for sale, means when the summerfruit is accepted for export by a licensed summerfruit exporter.

2.b How will the levy be calculated?

The levy for summerfruit sold in New Zealand or exported as whole fresh fruit will be calculated on the basis of the selling price of the summerfruit. The levy for summerfruit processed by, or on behalf of, the commercial grower, will be calculated on the basis of the notional process value of the Summerfruit.

Selling price is the price at which summerfruit is sold at the first point of sale. In the case of exports, the first point of sale is when the summerfruit is accepted for export by a licensed summerfruit exporter.

All other aspects of the Commodity Levies (Summerfruit) Order 2014, will remain unchanged.

Information

For full details of the Commodity Levies (Summerfruit) Order 2014:

- go to the Summerfruit NZ website www.summerfruitnz.co.nz, or
- contact Summerfruit NZ marie@summerfruitnz.co.nz

Voting information

- Only growers who are currently in the business of producing summerfruit for commercial purposes are eligible to vote in this referendum.
- Growers may only submit one vote per property.
- **Information**
The information collected in the online form will be used to ascertain the level of support from summerfruit growers for amending the Commodity Levies (Summerfruit) Order 2014. Voting papers may be subject to independent audit.

Outcomes

The Commodity Levies Act 1990 requires the following support from levy payers for any amendment to an existing levy order:

- over half of those levy payers who vote in this referendum must vote in support of the proposal; and
- the declared value of those voting 'Yes' in this referendum must amount to more than half of the total declared value of all those who voted.