



June 17, 2016

To: All Licensed Agricultural Commodity Handlers

RE: Waiving the Agricultural Commodity Depositors Fund Remittance

On January 10, 2014, the Ohio Department of Agriculture ("ODA") sent written notice to all Agricultural Commodity Handlers that the ½ cent per bushel fee related to the Agricultural Commodity Depositors Fund had been reestablished pursuant to Ohio Revised Code ("ORC") 926.17(B). Therefore, all licensed Agricultural Commodity Handlers were required to begin tracking and remitting a ½ cent per bushel fee on all agricultural commodities handled pursuant to ORC 926.16(B). At that time the Agricultural Commodity Depositors Fund balance was \$8,531,725.69.

ORC 926.17(A) states that if at the end of any fiscal year the agricultural commodity depositor's fund balance exceeds fifteen million dollars the fee shall be waived by the Director. The fiscal year end of ODA is June 30 and based on projected collections of the fee from April 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016, the required fifteen million dollar threshold will be reached. This letter serves as Official notice that the Director has waived the collection of the Agricultural Commodity Depositors Fund for all agricultural commodities handled after June 30, 2016.

A fee report to be filed for the period April 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016 will be sent to you for completion and final payment. Final payment to ODA must be received by August 1, 2016. As a handler, if your policy is to recover the fee from your depositors at settlement, you are entitled to collect the fee for those bushels your company received during the active collection period when said bushels are final settled. However, please keep in mind that as a handler you are required to pay ODA at the end of the quarter for all bushels received during that quarter minus any applicable exemptions.

The Plant Health Inspectors will continue to review the filing forms and fees remitted as part of the regular grain examinations. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact the Grain, Feed & Seed Section at 614/728-6410. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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