



## FAR WEST SPEARMINT OIL ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

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TO: All Growers, Handlers and Interested Parties  
SUBJECT: Beginning of Year Reports and Online Certificate Instructions, and Other

**To All:** You are reminded that the New Base drawing will be held on Friday, August 17, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. at the Committee office. Application forms can be printed from our website at [www.farwestspearmint.org](http://www.farwestspearmint.org) or obtained from our office.

Our next Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at the Three Rivers Convention Center in Kennewick, WA (7016 W Grandridge Blvd, Kennewick, WA 99336). The purpose of the meeting is to review market conditions for the 2018-19 fiscal year, current statistics and consider if an increase to the 2018-19 Class 3 (Native) salable is needed. The 2018-19 saleable for Native is 53%.

**Attention Growers:** Enclosed you will find a letter which reviews the instructions on how to use the online certificate. If you have any questions or comments on how to make this system better, please contact the FWS office at the number above. Also enclosed is a copy of your Disposition reports as of June 1, 2018, the 2018-2019 Base List and a copy of the 2018-19 FWS acreage report with a five year comparisons. Please review these reports to make sure the information is correct. If there is a discrepancy between our numbers and yours, please let us know so we can make the necessary changes.

**Attention Handlers:** Enclosed is a summary of procedures for the storage and purchase of spearmint oil produced in the Far West. This is a reminder of procedures that most of you have been following for some time. Please review them and call us with any questions you may have. These procedures and time lines are as delineated in the Marketing Order, a full text of which can be found at [www.farwestspearmint.org](http://www.farwestspearmint.org) and going to "Marketing Order" tab.

*Note: The 2018-2019 marketing year salable quantity and allotment percentage rule has not yet published in the Federal Register. While not yet official, the initial calculated allotments that are anticipated for the 2018-2019 marketing year will be added to individual certificates based on the percentages that the Committee recommended to USDA (Class 1 – Scotch: 35% and Class 3 – Native: 53%). Upon approval the of USDA, and publishing the rule in the Federal Register, final allotment percentages will be effective for the entire marketing year that begins June 1, 2018 and continues until May 31, 2019. All procedures and requirements with regards to reporting the handling of oil continue to be in effect. The FWS Office will continue to compile sales reports and generate information for the industry as usual.*

Please call the office with any questions you may have on any of these items.

Best regards,

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