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July 19, 2018

Arthur B. "Duke" Chadwell, Manager
Citrus Administrative Committee
600 North Broadway Ave.,
Bartow, FL 33830

Dear Duke:

We have reviewed and approve the proposed budget of expenditures for the 2018-19 fiscal period approved by the Citrus Administrative Committee (Committee) at its July 17, 2018, meeting.

Expenditures for 2018-19 are estimated at \$130,268, which compares to \$132,000 budgeted and approved for last year. Major expenditures recommended by the Committee include \$113,260 for salaries/contracts, \$9,000 for auditing & accounting, and \$4,000 for travel / compliance-manager. The Committee also recommended an assessment rate of \$0.015 per 4/5-bushel carton, which is \$0.005 lower than last year's rate. With production estimates at 8,250,000 for the year, revenue from assessments is expected to be \$123,750. Revenue from assessments along with other revenue from interest income and reserve carryover should allow the Committee to meet its expenses.

A rulemaking document to establish the new assessment rate will be drafted for publication in the Federal Register and would apply all Florida citrus during this fiscal year. A copy of the rule will be forwarded to you as soon as it is published.

Please give us a call if you have any questions.

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Christian D. Nissen, Regional Director
Southeast Marketing Field Office

cc: George Hamner Jr., Chairperson



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