

MEMO

To: All Cultivated Blueberry Growers
From: U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council (USHBC)
Date: April 28, 2009
Re: USHBC Grower Report for 2009

Enclosed for your use in reporting the amount of blueberries you deliver to handlers in 2009, and the amount of your blueberries you may market on your own as a "grower handler" this season, is a copy of the *U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council Blueberry Promotion, Research and Information Order (7 CFR 1218) Grower Report for 2009*. This report is due to the USHBC by November 30, 2009.

The *Grower Report* is to be received from all growers annually. A signed copy of this *Grower Report for 2009*, and any assessment which may be due from the grower, is to be received by the U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council (USHBC) **no later than November 30, 2009**. Note that any grower producing less than 2,000 pounds of blueberries annually may apply to the USHBC for exemption from assessment.

As stated in Section 1218.52 of the Blueberry Promotion, Research and Information Order (Part 1218), *"The collections of assessments on domestic blueberries will be the responsibility of the first handler receiving the blueberries. In the case of the producer acting as its own first handler, the producer will be required to collect and remit its individual assessments."*

Production reporting, payment calculation and payment instructions, as well as report due date and late payment fees are detailed in the *Instructions* section located on the reverse side of the *Grower Report*. A completed *Grower Report for 2009*, and any assessment check which may be due, are to be sent by all growers in the enclosed envelope to:

USHBC #1
C/o El Dorado Savings Bank
3963 Park Drive
El Dorado Hills, California 95762

Should you have any questions concerning the USHBC, how to complete the *Grower Report*, or questions concerning grower/handler assessment requirements, please contact the USHBC office at (916) 983-0111.