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The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services has three proposed fee increases for consultation at the Commission's November 4-5 meeting:

1) Nursery Dealer Certificate Fee. The 2003 Appropriations Act, Session Law 2003-284, Section 35.3.(b), authorized the Board of Agriculture to adopt temporary rules to increase the nursery dealer certification fee.(Dealers are not growers, but persons who sell plants grown by others.) The proposed increase from ten dollars to fifty dollars was presented to the Appropriations Committee, and the increased revenues of \$85,320 were incorporated into the Department's budget as a recurring reduction. Joint Conference Committee Report, Page H4, item 30.

2) Farmers Markets Rental Rates. Session Law 2003-71, Section 2, authorized the Board of Agriculture to adopt temporary rules to establish rental rates for farmers markets operated by the Department. The Department has proposed the attached fee increases for adoption by the Board of Agriculture.

3) Veterinary Laboratory Fees. The Department's budget includes \$177,500 in recurring reductions offset by increases in fees for tests and services provided by the Veterinary Division's animal disease diagnostic laboratories. Joint Conference Committee Report, page H5, item 44. Because these fee increases were budgeted as of July 1, 2003, it was necessary to implement these fee increases as soon as possible. The attached letters were sent to the Commission Chairmen in August. A copy of the fee schedule is also attached.

Please let us know if further information is needed.

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