

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAM

PRODUCER REFERENDUM BALLOT

Marketing Order No. 925: Grapes Grown In a Designated Area of Southeastern California

PART I - REFERENDUM INSTRUCTIONS

- A. **COMPLETE PARTS II, III, AND IV.** Incomplete or unsigned Ballots cannot be counted. Ballots must be postmarked by _____, 20__.
- B. **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Any person who produced grapes for the fresh market during the period _____, 20__ through _____, 20__, and who is now a producer, is eligible to vote. Such persons may vote on whether they favor continuance of the Marketing Order by using the enclosed Ballot. Additional Ballots may be obtained by contacting the _____ or your County Extension Service office.
1. A producer (or grower) is defined as:
 - (a) any person who produces grapes for the fresh market in the designated production area (_____);
 - (b) a renter or tenant of acreage producing grapes for the fresh market; or
 - (c) a landlord who received from a renter or tenant such grapes as rent for the land on which such grapes were grown. A cash landlord, lienholder, or person having only a financial interest in the crop is not an eligible voter.
 2. Each separate business unit, partnership, family enterprise, corporation, association, estate, or firm is entitled to one vote.
 3. Proxy voting is not authorized.
- C. **INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING:** Provide the voter information requested in Part II. In Part III, mark the block in favor of or against continuing the Order. Certify your vote by signing the appropriate section of Part IV. If you do not complete Parts II, III, and IV, your Ballot cannot be validated, and your vote will not be counted.

Remove the pages containing Parts II, III, and IV, and mail them in the self-addressed envelope. If you do not have an official envelope, mark your envelope "GRAPE REFERENDUM," and mail the Ballot to:

USDA-AMS-Fruit and Vegetable Program
California Marketing Field Office
2202 Monterey Street
Suite 102B
Fresno, CA 93721

Please call (559) 487-5901 if you have any questions.

PART II - VOTER INFORMATION

This information will be held in strict confidence.

- A. Your name _____
(Please print clearly)
- B. What is the specific location of your grape acreage represented in this Ballot?

(Highway or street address, if applicable, and county)

(City, State, and Zip Code)
- C. Do you reside on the above property which produces the grapes? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If no, please provide your residence address and telephone number: _____

(Street and No. or R.F.D. No., City, State, and Zip Code)

(Telephone number (include area code))
- D. If you are not voting as an individual producer, please check the appropriate box indicating your voting status and write the name and address of the business unit you represent.
☐ Partnership ☐ Corporation ☐ Other (specify) _____

(Name and address of business unit)
- E. How many lugs of grapes did you produce for fresh market during the period _____,
20__ through _____, 20__? _____ acres
- F. How many acres of grapes for fresh market did you harvest during the period _____,
20__ through _____, 20__? _____ acres
- G. Which packing house(s) handled your grapes during the period _____, 20__
through _____, 20__?

(Name of packing house(s))

PART III - CONTINUATION OF MARKETING ORDER FOR DESERT GRAPES

Do you favor continuing Marketing Order No. 925 for desert grapes grown in southeastern California?

☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**

PART IV - VOTER CERTIFICATION

All information provided in this Ballot will be subject to on-site verification by officials of the Office of Inspector General, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The information on this Ballot is required to determine the voter eligibility and vote of desert grape producers. Falsification of information on this government document may result in a fine or imprisonment, or both. (18 U.S.C. 1001)

- A. Your signature, if signing as an individual.

I am the producer named in Part II of this Ballot, and I certify that I am not a cash landlord, lienholder, or person having only a financial interest in the crop, and that the information provided on this Ballot and any attachment hereto is accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date

- B. If signing as the representative of a producing entity other than an individual, state your title and sign below.

I hereby certify that I have authority to cast the Ballot of the producer named in Part II D of this Ballot, and that I will submit evidence thereof at the request of an authorized agent of the Secretary of Agriculture.

Signature and Title

Date

**BALLOTS POSTMARKED AFTER _____, 20____,
WILL NOT BE COUNTED IN THE REFERENDUM.**

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