

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

**CONFIDENTIAL BACKGROUND STATEMENT
FOR
CITRUS ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEMBER/ALTERNATE (M.O. 905)**

NOTE: Information concerning nominees to be used by the Secretary of Agriculture in appointing Public Interest Members and Alternates to Administrative Committees of Marketing Agreements and Orders.

Name _____ Telephone Number (Include Area Code) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Mailing Address (Including ZIP Code) _____

1. State of Residency _____ Number of Years _____

2. Are you or any member of your immediate family directly associated with the _____ industry financially or otherwise? Yes _____ No _____

3. If you have an indirect relationship with the _____ industry, please explain.

4. Please list all public interest and service type organizations of which you are or have been a member and positions held with each organization.

5. Are you willing to familiarize yourself with the industry and the provisions of the Marketing Agreement and/or Order with the understanding that members of the industry and the staff of the committee would assist you in this familiarization process?

Yes _____ No _____

6. Are you willing to spend the time necessary to represent the public properly on such committee?

Yes _____ No _____

7. Would you be willing to undertake an assignment with the news media or other interested group in explaining the marketing order as a representative of the general public?

Yes _____ No _____

8. List any other special qualifications you may have, such as educational training, work experience, etc., which would enhance your qualifications to serve.

Date

(Signature)

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Date

Signature

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