

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
 FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAMS

CITRUS PRODUCER REFERENDUM BALLOT
MARKETING ORDER NO. 906

I. REFERENDUM PERIOD:

The Secretary of Agriculture has ordered that a referendum be conducted among the producers who, during the period August 1, _____, through July 31, _____, were engaged, in the counties of Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy in the State of Texas, in the production of oranges and grapefruit for market, to determine whether such producers favor the continuation or termination of the Marketing Agreement and Order, as amended. November 15 through November 27, _____, has been designated as the referendum period. It is important that you, as a producer of oranges or grapefruit, vote in the referendum. The ballot on the reverse page is for your use in indicating whether you favor continuation or termination of the Orange and Grapefruit Marketing Agreement and Order.

II. INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING:

All ballots must show:

1. The full name and mailing address of the producer.
2. Your vote--place an "X" in the appropriate space indicating whether you favor continuation or termination.
3. The type of business unit for the producer during the _____ - _____ season.
4. The quantity of grapefruit and oranges produced for market during the _____ - _____ season.
5. Orange and grapefruit acreage in the representative period (August 1, _____ - July 31, _____) and county or counties where grown.
6. The name of the firm which handled your _____ - _____ crop of oranges or grapefruit. If production was handled by more than one handler, name all handlers.
7. The name in which the legal title of the grove(s) is recorded.
8. Your signature, title or capacity, and mailing address (*include city, county, State, and ZIP*).

III. PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE:

1. Any person who (1) is now engaged in Cameron, Hidalgo, or Willacy County, Texas, in the production of oranges or grapefruit for market, and (2) was so engaged during the period August 1, _____, through July 31, _____.

2. **INDIVIDUAL OWNER:** An individual owner is any producer who has sole interest in the oranges or grapefruit he/she produces. He/she may cast only one ballot regardless of the number of groves he/she operates.

Note: The following statements are made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The authority for requesting this information to be supplied on this form is the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, Secs. 1-19, 48 Stat. 31, as amended, (7 U.S.C. 601-674). Furnishing the requested information is necessary for the administration of the marketing order program.

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On Federal Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Oranges and Grapefruit Grown in the Lower Rio Grande Valley in Texas, I (We) _____

(Print full name of producer)

of _____
(Print full mailing address of producer, including ZIP)

a producer of citrus in the counties of Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy in the State of Texas, do hereby vote as follows with respect to Marketing Order No. 906, as amended, regulating the handling of oranges and grapefruit grown in the Lower Rio Grande Valley in Texas:

1. Please indicate your vote by marking an "X" in the appropriate box: I FAVOR CONTINUATION I FAVOR TERMINATION

2. I (We) produced citrus during the period from August 1, _____, through July 31, _____, as (Mark an "X" in appropriate box):

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3. My (Our) production was: _____ tons of grapefruit on _____ acres, in _____ County and _____ tons of oranges on _____ acres, in _____ County.

NOTE: If you had a crop failure or your grove was nonproductive, so indicate. If you are operating on a share crop basis, report only that part of the production representing your share.

4. This production was marketed through the following handler(s). (If more room is needed, write the names of the handlers and their addresses on a separate sheet of paper and return with the ballot.)

NAME OF PACKING HOUSE(S)	ADDRESS (Include city, county, State, and ZIP)

5. Print name in which legal title of grove is recorded and subdivision in which it is located:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

I certify that the information reported hereon is correct. (If this ballot is being cast on behalf of a corporation or estate, my signature below further certifies that I have authority to cast the ballot of such producer and that I will submit evidence of such authority at the request of an Agent of the Secretary.)

SIGNATURE OF PRODUCER OR AUTHORIZED PERSON

TITLE OR CAPACITY (sole owner, partner, president, executor, etc.)

Mailing Address (Include city, county, State, and ZIP): _____

NOTE: BALLOTS POSTMARKED LATER THAN NOVEMBER 27, _____, CANNOT BE COUNTED. BE SURE ALL APPLICABLE SECTIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED; OTHERWISE, THE BALLOT MAY NOT BE COUNTED.