

TO: Cranberry Growers
FROM: Patricia A. Petrella, Agent of the Secretary of Agriculture
SUBJECT: Referendum Instructions - Cranberry Marketing Order No. 929

I. REFERENDUM PERIOD

_____, 20____, through _____, 20____, is the referendum period during which producers may vote for or against proposed amendments to the marketing order regulating the handling of cranberries grown in the States of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Oregon, Washington and Long Island in the State of New York. All votable issues have been included in this ballot.

For an amendment to the marketing order to pass, it must be supported by at least two-thirds of the growers voting or by growers representing at least two-thirds of the volume of production represented in the referendum.

II. INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING -- YOUR BALLOT MUST SUPPLY

1. Your vote. Mark in the block of your choice.
2. The number of barrels of cranberries produced in the 20____ crop year and acreage and the State where produced.
3. Your cooperative affiliation, if any.
4. Your signature and address. If voting for a corporation, estate, or producer, show its name and your title. Enclosed is an envelope for returning the ballot. No postage is required.

III. PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE

1. Any producer who produced cranberries for market during the 20____ crop year from September 1, 20____, through March 31, 20____, and is now a producer.
2. For the purposes of this referendum, a producer is defined as: (a) an owner of a cranberry bog or marsh that produces cranberries; (b) a renter or tenant of a cranberry bog or marsh that produces cranberries; and (c) a landlord who received from a renter or tenant cranberries as rent for land on which cranberries are grown. A cash landlord, lienholder or person having only a financial interest in the crop is ineligible.
3. A business unit partnership, family enterprise, corporation, association, estate, or firm may cast only one vote; however, each separate entity is entitled to one vote.

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Agent of the Secretary

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

AMENDATORY GROWER REFERENDUM BALLOT

This ballot MUST be signed and postmarked NOT LATER THAN _____, 20____, to be counted in this referendum.

1. I hereby certify that I am a cranberry producer, and produced cranberries within the defined production area during the 20____ crop year September 1, 20____, through March 31, 20____. (If you did not harvest cranberries from your acreage during 20____ because of crop failure or non-bearing acreage, write "None" in the space provided for number of barrels below).

_____ from _____ in _____
(Barrels) (Approximate Acreage) (State)

(If you are renting on a share crop basis, you should report only that part of the crop represented by your share).

2. If you marketed any of the above cranberries through a cooperative marketing association, please list the cooperative's name.

3. _____
*Your signature

Address: _____
(Street and No., or R.F.D. No.)

_____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip)

*** If the vote is cast on behalf of a corporation, estate or producer, my signature certifies that I have the authority to take such action. (In such case, show name of such corporation, estate or producer and your title below).**

_____ (Name of Corporation, Estate, or Producer) _____ (Title)

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REFERENDUM QUESTIONS

A "YES" vote means you **favor** the change. A "NO" vote means you **oppose** the change.

- | YES | NO | <i>Note:</i> Where referenced, "Committee" means the Cranberry Marketing Committee. |
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| () | () | 1. Do you favor adding authority for the Committee to conduct production research and development projects? (Section 929.45) |
| () | () | 2. Do you favor adding authority for a method whereby annual allotments are calculated on the basis of sales histories and adding provisions regarding excess cranberries? (Sections 929.10, 929.13, 929.15, 929.48, 929.49, 929.50, 929.52, 929.59, 929.60, and 929.61) |
| () | () | 3. Do you favor limiting Committee member tenure to three consecutive two-year terms? (Section 929.21) |
| () | () | 4. Do you favor requiring handlers to pay assessments on the weight of cranberries acquired rather than on the weight of cranberries handled? (Section 929.41) |
| () | () | 5. Do you favor adding a definition for the term barrel? (Section 929.17) |

Minor conforming, editorial, and nonsubstantive modifications of the order language included in the Secretary's Decision have not been specifically described in the five referendum questions presented for voting, but will be incorporated in the order as appropriate.