

TO: Cranberry Handlers
FROM: _____, 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 handlers may vote for or against the 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.

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 handled or processed during the 20___ crop year.
3. 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 person who canned, froze, or dehydrated cranberries within the production area during the 20___ crop year (September 1, 20___, through August 31, 20___) is a handler of cranberries.
2. A business unit (partnership, corporation, association, estate or firm) may cast but one vote but each entity is entitled to one vote.

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OFFICIAL PROCESSOR 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 handler of cranberries, and that, during the period from September 1, 20 __, through August 31, 20 __, the following quantities of fresh cranberries produced within the production area were canned, frozen, or dehydrated by said handler:

_____ barrels from 20 __ crop

2. Name of Handler:

*By _____ Title _____
 (Signature)

 (Please print or type your name)

Address:

 (Street and No., or R.F.D. No.)

 (City)

 (State)

 (Zip)

**If the vote is cast on behalf of a corporation, estate, partnership, or cooperative, my signature certifies that I have the authority to take such action.*

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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 each of the referendum questions presented for voting, but will be incorporated in the order as appropriate.