

PRODUCER NOMINEE QUESTIONNAIRE

Information concerning producer nominees to be used by the Secretary of Agriculture in selecting producer members and alternate producer members of the California Olive Committee pursuant to the Marketing Agreement and Order Regulating the Handling of Olives Grown in California.

C O N F I D E N T I A L

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
 Address: _____ EIN#: _____
 City, State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____
 Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Number of years you have been a producer of olives for market as packaged olives: _____

Major varieties of olives you now farm, approximate acreage, and counties of production for each:

Variety	Approx Acreage	County	Variety	Approx Acreage	County

Approximate tonnage of olives for market as packaged olives produced by you during the _____ season: _____ Tons, Natural Condition Weight.

Are you a member of a cooperative marketing association handling olives? _____ If so, give name and any position held: _____

Are you connected as an employee, officer, director, or other capacity, with any independent organization handling olives? _____ If so, list name and indicate nature of connection: _____

Are you a member of any other organization furthering the interest of olives producers? _____ If so, list such organizations and any positions held: _____

I will serve as a producer member or alternate producer member of the California Olive Committee:

_____ Date _____ Signature

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