

WALLA WALLA SWEET ONION BALLOT

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Fruit and Vegetable Programs
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TO WALLA WALLA SWEET ONION PRODUCERS:

Marketing Order No. 956, regulating the handling of sweet onions grown in Walla Walla Valley of Southeast Washington and Northeast Oregon, requires the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a referendum every six-years to ascertain whether producers favor continuance. As a consequence, an order directing that a referendum be held was published in the Federal Register on _____.

A Producer Referendum Ballot is on the reverse side of this page. Also enclosed are:

- 1) Voting Instructions and Rules Governing Producer Eligibility to Vote;
- 2) News Release issued on the Referendum; and
- 3) Copy of the Referendum Order dated _____.

The voting period for the referendum is _____ through _____. Please vote promptly because **ballots postmarked later than _____, cannot be opened or counted.** Each ballot will be held in strict confidence.

_____, Referendum Agent
Phone: (503) 326-2724

PRODUCER REFERENDUM BALLOT

Marketing Order No. 956: Sweet Onions Grown in the Walla Walla Valley
of Southeast Washington and Northeast Oregon

Please read the enclosed VOTING INSTRUCTIONS AND RULES GOVERNING PRODUCER ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE before completing this ballot.

This referendum is being held to determine producer support for the federal marketing order regulating the handling of sweet onions grown in the Walla Walla Valley of Southeast Washington and Northeast Oregon. The Secretary of Agriculture will consider termination of this order if less than two-thirds of those voting and less than two-thirds of the volume represented in the referendum favor continuance.

A. Do you favor continuance of Marketing Order No. 956, regulating the handling of sweet onions grown in the Walla Walla Valley of Southeast Washington and Northeast Oregon?

YES

NO

PRODUCER ELIGIBILITY STATEMENT

B. I hereby certify that I am currently a producer of sweet onions within the production area and that during the representative period _____, through _____, I produced for the fresh market:

_____ on _____ in _____
Hundredweight Acres County(ies)

C.

Name of Packing House(s) that Handled your Sweet Onions	Hundredweight	Affiliation (co-op or independent)

D. Producer's Name _____ Phone Number _____
Name of Business _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E. If this ballot is cast by an officer or employee of a partnership, LLC, corporation, association or other business unit, my signature below further certifies that I am duly authorized to vote on behalf of the producing entity name on this ballot and that I will submit evidence of such authority at the request of an Agent of the Secretary.

Partnership LLC Corporation Association Other _____

Signature* Title

If Partnership or Joint Venture, list name(s).

F. **I hereby certify that the information I provided on this ballot is accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature* Title

*Your signature certifies that you have the authority to take such action and will submit supplementary evidence of such authority at the request of an agent of the Secretary of Agriculture. The information provided in this ballot is required to determine voter eligibility and vote of sweet onion producers. Falsification of information on this government document may result in a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment of not more than five (5) years, or both (18 U.S.C. 1001).

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