HAZELNUT BALLOT UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Agricultural Marketing Service Fruit and Vegetable Programs Northwest Marketing Field Office 1220 SW 3RD AVE STE 385 PORTLAND OR 97204-2807

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| Marketing Order No. 982, regulating the handling of Hazelnuts grown in Oregon and Washington, requires the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a referendum approximately once every 10 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 |
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| A Producer Referendum Ballot is on the reverse side of this page. Also enclosed are: |
| Voting Instructions and Rules Governing Producer Eligibility to Vote; News Release issued on the Referendum; and 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. |

PRODUCER REFERENDUM BALLOT

Marketing Order No. 982: Hazelnuts Grown in Oregon and Washington

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 hazelnuts grown in Oregon and Washington. 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. 982, regulating the handling of hazelnuts grown in Oregon and Washington? | | | | | | | | |
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| | \square YES | □ NO | | | | | | | |
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| | PRODUCER ELIGIBILITY STATEMENT | | | | | | | | |
| B. | I hereby certify that I am currently a producer of hazelnuts within the production area and that during the representative period, through, I produced for the fresh market: | | | | | | | | |
| | Tons On | inCounty(ies) | | | | | | | |
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| C. | | | | | | | | | |
| C. | Name of Packing House(s) that Handled your Hazelnuts | Tons | Affiliation (co-op or independent) | | | | | | |
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| D. | Producer's Name | | Phone Number | | |
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| | 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, 1 | ist 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 | | | |

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^{*}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 hazelnut 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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| I. | VC | TING PERIOD:through | | | | |
| II. | RE | PRESENTATIVE PERIOD: through | | | | |
| III. | PR | DUCTION AREA: States of Oregon and Washington. | | | | |
| IV. | PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE: Any person who is currently a hazelnut producer in the production area and produced such hazelnuts during the representative period through, is entitled to cast one ballot. Each separate business unit, partnership, LLC, famenterprise, corporation, association, estate, or firm is entitled to one vote. | | | | | |
| | | ducer" means any individual, partnership, LLC, corporation, association, institution, estate business unit who: | , or | | | |
| | : | Owns and farms land resulting in ownership of the hazelnuts produced thereon; Rents and farms land resulting in ownership of all or a portion of the hazelnuts produced the | ereon | | | |
| | • | Owns land from which, as rental for such land, ownership is obtained of a portion of the haz produced thereon. (A lien holder, cash landlord, or person having only a financial interest is azelnut crop is not eligible to vote.) | | | | |
| V. | НС | W TO VOTE: | | | | |
| | A. | ndicate your vote by placing an "X" in the appropriate box. | | | | |
| | B. | Certify your hazelnut production by listing the volume in tons that you produced, the number cres in production, and the county or counties in which such hazelnuts were produced during through If you are renting on a share-crop you should show only that part of the crop represented by your share. | ng the | | | |
| | C. | List the names of packing houses that handled your hazelnuts, the tonnage, and affiliation (or independent). | го-ор | | | |
| | D. | rint or type your name, phone number, business name, and address. | | | | |
| | E. | Proxy voting is not authorized. If ballot is cast by an officer or employee of a partnership, I corporation, association or other business unit, check box to indicate your business designated and sign to indicate authority to vote. If partnership or joint venture, list names of partners. | | | | |
| | F. | Sign below the certification. Incomplete or unsigned ballots cannot be counted. Fold your to the Referendum Agent's address is displayed, seal with tape and mail to Referendum Age JSDA-AMS-FV-NWMFO, 1220 SW 3RD AVE STE 385, PORTLAND, OR 97204-2807. The urther information, please call (503) 326-2724. | ent, | | | |
| | | Ballots must be postmarked by | | | | |