

### HANDLER NOMINEE QUESTIONNAIRE

Information concerning handler nominees to be used by the Secretary of Agriculture in selecting handler members and alternate handler 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Handler you are associated with: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Position you hold in firm: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of years with firm: \_\_\_\_\_ No of yrs handler in business: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you, in your own name, also a producer of olives for market as packaged olives? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, list varieties, approximate bearing acres, and counties of production:

Variety	Approx Acreage	County	Variety	Approx Acreage	County

Are you a member of a cooperative marketing association that handles olives? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, give name: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of any other organization furthering the interests of the olive industry? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, give name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

I will serve as a handler member or alternate handler member of the California Olive Committee.

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Date Signature

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