

## WALLA WALLA SWEET ONION BALLOT

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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  
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## 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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