

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAMS**

CONFIDENTIAL WALNUT MARKETING BOARD NOMINEE QUESTIONNAIRE

NOTE: This information will be used by the Secretary of Agriculture in selecting grower and handler members and alternates to serve on the Walnut Marketing Board (Board) under Federal Marketing Order No. 984. Statutory authority to obtain this information is provided in 7 U.S.C. 608.

1. Name _____

2. (a) Residence: _____
 (Street) (City) (State) (Zip)
- (b) Mailing Address: (If same, so state) _____
 (Street) (City) (State) (Zip)
- (c) Telephone Number: Home (____) _____ Cell (____) _____
 Business (____) _____ E-mail address _____

3. Number of years of experience in the walnut industry _____

4. (a) Are you a producer of walnuts? _____ yes _____ no
- (b) If 4(a) is "yes", state acreage of the English varieties of walnuts you own or lease: _____ acres

5. (a) Did you produce walnuts during the current year? _____ yes _____ no
- (b) If 5(a) is "yes," state kernelweight pounds of the English varieties of walnuts you produced: _____ pounds

6. (a) Are you a member of a cooperative marketing association? _____ yes _____ no
- (b) If 6(a) is "yes," give name of cooperative; if "no," give name of firm, which handled your walnuts:

7. If you are a walnut handler, employee, or officer of a walnut handler, states the following:
 - (a) Name of the handler(s) _____
 - (b) Your title and capacity _____
 - (c) Number of years experience in the position _____
 - (d) Please state the kernelweight poundage of the English varieties of walnuts handled by your firm during the current crop year
 _____ pounds

8. When acting in my official capacity as a Board representative, I shall engage in only those activities that are authorized under the walnut marketing order. I also understand that the Board cannot become involved in lobbying and political activities.

9. If marketing order committee (or board) or subcommittee members or committee employees are sued individually or jointly for errors in judgement, mistakes or other acts either of omission or commission (except for acts of dishonesty, willful misconduct, or gross negligence) in the conduct of their duties under the marketing agreement or order, they may be authorized legal defense by the Department of Justice (DOJ). Alternatively, legal defense may be provided through private counsel, if recommended by the Department of Agriculture (USDA) and approved by DOJ. USDA and DOJ enjoy an excellent working relationship with respect to providing legal representation for committee members and employees, either by DOJ or through authorized private counsel. USDA is committed to a comprehensive legal defense policy for all committee members and employees acting within the scope of their authorized committee duties and responsibilities.

10. I hereby certify that I am willing to serve as a member or alternate member on the Walnut Marketing Board if selected by the Secretary of Agriculture.

(Please type or print name as signed)

(Signature)

(Date)

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