

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING FOR INDEPENDENT PRODUCER REPRESENTATIVES

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE VOTING

Independent producer representation on the Raisin Administrative Committee is divided into three districts. Each district ballot is a different color.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. You must meet the requirements of producer as defined under section 989.11 of the Federal raisin marketing order. That section specifies that producer means any person engaged in a proprietary capacity in the production of grapes which are sun-dried or dehydrated by artificial means until they become raisins.
2. Pursuant to section 989.129 of the Federal order, you must also meet ONE of the following requirements:
 - (a) Own and farm land, resulting in ownership of the grapes produced thereon; or
 - (b) rent and farm land, resulting in ownership of all or a portion of the grapes produced thereon; or
 - (c) own land which you did not farm but rented. As rental for such land, you obtained the ownership of a portion of the grapes or raisins. In this connection, a partnership includes two or more persons (including a husband and wife) with respect to land, in which the title or leasehold interest is vested in them as tenants in common, joint tenants, or under community property laws, as community property. In a landlord-tenant relationship, where each of the parties is a producer, each such producer is entitled to one vote for a nominee for each producer member position and one vote for each producer alternate member position. Where two persons operate land as landlord and tenant on a share-crop basis, each person is entitled to one vote for each such position to be filled. Where land is leased on a cash rental basis, only the person who is the tenant or cash renter (producer) is entitled to vote.
3. If you purchased grapes on the vine, dried them into raisins, and had no proprietary interest in the **production** of the grapes that were made into raisins, you are **not** eligible to vote.
4. Producers who are not members of the major marketing co-op (Sun-Maid); not members of the bargaining association (RBA); did not sell **any portion** of their raisins for cash to the major marketing co-op (Sun-Maid); and who did produce grapes which were dried into raisins and delivered to handlers in the _____ (*prior*) and _____ (*current*) crop years are eligible to vote.
5. Each separate, legal entity, as determined by a separate tax identification number, is entitled to vote.
6. You may only vote for representatives in one district.
7. You must sign the ballot. Unsigned ballots will automatically be declared invalid.
8. Ballots must be postmarked not later than _____. Using the enclosed envelope, return to U.S. Department of Agriculture, California Marketing Field Office, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, 2202 Monterey Street, Suite 102B, Fresno, California 93721.

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INDEPENDENT PRODUCER BALLOT - _____

(Term of Office)

DISTRICT _____ location

Only independent producers of grapes grown (location) which were made into raisins in the _____ (prior) and _____ (current) crop year, may vote for representatives from this District.

Vote for _____ (#).

WRITE IN

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NAME THAT RAISINS WERE DELIVERED UNDER

_____ (Please print)

LOCATION OF VINEYARD (must be separate, legal entity and be located in the district in which you are voting)

_____ (Street)

_____ (City)

_____ (County)

_____ (Cross Streets)

PACKER DELIVERED TO: _____

Please indicate the following about the producer (legal entity) for which you are voting:

___ INDIVIDUAL ___ TRUST ___ PARTNERSHIP ___ CORPORATION ___ ESTATE

TAX ID # _____

PRODUCER (LEGAL ENTITY) IS A RBA MEMBER _____ yes _____ no

IF PARTNERSHIP, LIST PARTNER(S) _____

I certify that I produced grapes that were made into raisins in District _____. If I am casting a ballot on behalf of my employer, I certify that I have authority to do so (and will be able to produce proof of this authority if requested by USDA).

Name (please print) _____ Telephone Number _____

Signature _____ E-mail Address _____

Title, if voting on behalf of a trust, corporation, or estate. _____