

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
 FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAMS

CONFIDENTIAL NECTARINE PRODUCER NOMINEE QUESTIONNAIRE

The following information is required by the Secretary of Agriculture (the "Secretary") to determine the eligibility and willingness of nominees to serve on the Nectarine Administrative Committee (the "Committee").

INSTRUCTIONS: Please fill in all applicable spaces and sign your name.

1. NAME	E-MAIL ADDRESS
2. MAILING ADDRESS (include City, State, and Zip Code)	
3. TELEPHONE NUMBER (include area code)	FAX NUMBER (include area code)
4. NUMBER OF ACRES OF NECTARINES YOU FARM	
5. NUMBER OF YEARS YOU HAVE BEEN A PRODUCER OF NECTARINES	
6. DID YOU PRODUCE NECTARINES THAT WERE SHIPPED IN FRESH FORM DURING THE CURRENT SEASON (mark an "X" in the appropriate box) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
7. NAME OF FIRM THAT HANDLED YOUR NECTARINES DURING THE CURRENT SEASON	
8. LIST OTHER DECIDUOUS FRUIT CROPS AND ACREAGE IN WHICH YOU HAVE AN OWNERSHIP INTEREST	
<p>9. Committee members, in their official capacities, are prohibited from taking any action specifically designed to influence legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion concerning legislation. Committee members may not communicate with any official of a State or Federal legislative body for the purpose of attempting to influence legislation. Committee members are also prohibited from attempting to influence State or Federal government actions or policies or those of foreign governments, except as specifically authorized under the Marketing Order or expressly approved by the Secretary.</p> <p>Committee members are specifically precluded from authorizing the expenditure of Marketing Order funds for the purpose of attempting to influence legislation or government actions.</p> <p>These same prohibitions apply to Committee managers, staff, and contractors except that Committee managers may consult with U.S. Department of Agriculture employees during the pendency of informal rulemaking actions.</p>	
<p>10. If Committee or subcommittee members or Committee employees are sued individually or jointly for errors in judgment, 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. The 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. The 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.</p>	

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT: I certify that I meet the eligibility requirements of the Marketing Order and I am willing to serve on the Committee.

 Signature

 Date

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