

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

**CONFIDENTIAL RAISIN ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
 PRODUCER NOMINEE QUESTIONNAIRE**

Information will be used by the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) in selecting a public member and alternate member on the Raisin Administrative Committee (RAC) under Federal Marketing Order No. 989. Statutory authority to obtain such information is provided in 7 U.S.C. 608.

1. Name: _____
2. Residential Address (incl. City, State, and Zip Code): _____

3. Mailing Address (if same, so state): _____

4. Telephone Number: (H) _____ (W) _____
 (Cell) _____
5. Fax Number: _____
6. E-mail Address: _____
7. Number of years you have been a producer of grapes utilized in the production of raisins: _____
8. Bearing acreage of grapes now being farmed by you: _____
9. County in which your vineyard(s) is located: _____
10. From the grapes you produced during the 20__ - 20__ crop year, give the tonnage (dry weight) or raisins made: _____
 Insert tonnage of each varietal:
 Natural Thompson _____ Muscats _____ Sultanas _____
 Golden Seedless _____ Zante Currants _____ Others _____
11. Are you a member of a cooperative marketing association, cooperative bargaining association, or any other organization furthering the interest of raisin or grape producers? If so, state the name of, and your position in, each. _____

12. Do you or members of immediate family have a financial interest in, or close association with, the production, processing, financing or marketing of agricultural commodities? Yes No
 If answer is yes, please indicate interest or association: _____

13. Are you a member of any marketing association, bargaining association, or any other organization furthering the interest of raisin or grape producers? If so, state your name and your position, if any: _____

14. Have you ever been charged or convicted of a felony? (Generally, a felony is defined as any violation of law punishable by imprisonment of longer than 1 year, except for violations called misdemeanors under State law, which are punishable by imprisonment of 2 years or less.)
 Yes No
15. I hereby certify to the RAC and the Secretary that: (a) I am currently a producer of grapes that are being or will be utilized in the production or raisins; and (b) I produced grapes during the 20__ - 20__ crop year that were utilized in the production of raisins.

I am aware that the public member and alternate positions are non-salaried. I am aware that these positions may require travel. (Authorized travel expenses are reimbursable.)

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I hereby accept the nomination as a public member or alternate public member of the Raisin Administrative Committee, and will serve in such position if selected by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Name

Signature

Date

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