

**United States Department of Agriculture
Agricultural Marketing Service**

OFFICIAL REFERENDUM BALLOT

**BLUEBERRY PROMOTION, RESEARCH, AND
INFORMATION ORDER**

Complete Sections I, II, and III of this ballot. Mail your completed ballot. To be counted, completed ballots must be received by the U.S. Department of Agriculture on or after ____ XX, 20XX and before 4:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on ____ XX, 20XX.

Note: Only one vote will be counted for each eligible producer and importer. Incomplete ballots will be **INVALID** and will not be counted in the referendum.

PLACE LABEL HERE

I. CERTIFICATION

1. I am currently a cultivated (highbush) blueberry **PRODUCER** _____ or **IMPORTER** _____ (Check one), and I paid assessments during the period Month 20XX to Month 20XX.
2. I produced or imported _____ pounds of blueberries between Month 20XX and Month 20XX.

Preprinted totals for producers include blueberries produced and reported by a producer. Totals for importers include blueberry imports reported by U.S. Customs. If corrections need to be made, please cross out and legibly write in the correct information. Submit documentation to support these changes along with your ballot to USDA.

II. VOTE

Instructions: Mark one box only.

**Do you favor the continuance of the Blueberry Promotion, Research,
and Information Order?**

YES _____ **NO** _____

III. SIGNATURE

ALL BALLOTS MUST BE SIGNED AND DATED BELOW IN ORDER TO BE COUNTED.

I **CERTIFY** that I am the person authorized to cast this ballot and that the information contained on this ballot is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and is made in good faith. If this ballot is being cast on behalf of any group of individuals, partnership, corporation, or other business entity engaged in the production or importation of blueberries, I also **CERTIFY** that I have the authority to cast this ballot.

X _____
SIGNATURE DATE

COMPANY NAME () -
BUSINESS TELEPHONE NUMBER

IV. MAILING

Return ballot in the enclosed, postage-paid envelope.

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