

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

NATIONAL MARKETING AGREEMENT REGULATING LEAFY GREEN VEGETABLES

The parties hereto, in order to effectuate the declared policy of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended (7 U.S.C. 601-674; Act), and in accordance with the applicable rules of practice and procedure effective thereunder (7 CFR Part 970), desire to enter into this Agreement regulating leafy green vegetables, and each party hereto agrees that such handling shall, from the effective date of this Marketing Agreement, be in conformity to, and in compliance with, the provisions of said Marketing Agreement.

The provisions of §§ 970.1-970.99, inclusive, of the Marketing Agreement annexed to and made a part of the decision of the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) with respect to a national marketing agreement regulating leafy green vegetables, plus the following additional provisions shall be, and the same hereby are, the terms and conditions hereof; and the specified provision of said annexed Marketing Agreement are hereby incorporated into this Marketing Agreement as is set forth in full herein.

§ 970.21 Marketing Agreement.

Marketing Agreement means the voluntary agreement regulating the handling of leafy green vegetables as authorized under § 8b of the Act.

§ 970.96 Counterparts.

This part may be executed in multiple counterparts and, when one counterpart is signed by the Secretary, all such counterparts shall constitute, when taken together, one and the same instrument as if all signatures were contained in one original.

§ 970.97 Sign-up.

There shall be an initial sign-up period of 60 days for handlers to become signatories, commencing with the approval of this part. Handlers who sign up during the initial sign-up period, and their corresponding producers, are eligible to serve as initial members of the National Leafy Green Vegetable Board (Board) pursuant to § 970.42 of the Agreement.

After the initial sign-up period ends, a handler may become a signatory at any time by executing a counterpart to this part and delivering it to the Secretary: Provided, That the signatory handler demonstrates compliance with the audit metrics through an audit before being allowed to become a signatory handler.

§ 970.98 Withdrawal.

- (a) A signatory handler may withdraw from this part by either:
- (1) Filing a written request with the Board after any amendment is made to this part by the Secretary; or
 - (2) Filing a written notice with the Board stating that the signatory handler ceases to be a handler of leafy green vegetables.

- (b) A signatory handler’s withdrawal does not relieve the signatory handler of the obligation to pay assessments or penalties incurred while a signatory to this agreement.
- (c) A signatory handler that withdraws shall not use the official certification mark once no longer a signatory handler.

The undersigned hereby authorizes the Associate Deputy Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, United States Department of Agriculture, to correct any typographical errors that may have been made in this Marketing Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the contracting parties, acting under the provisions of the Act, for the purpose and subject to the limitations therein contained, and not otherwise, have hereto set their respective signatures and seals.

*Signature		Date	
First Name		Last Name	
Title		Firm Name	
Mailing Address			

**Corporate Seal
(if none, so state)**

***If one of the contracting parties to this Agreement is a corporation, my signature constitutes certification that I have the power granted to me by the Board of Directors to bind this corporation to the Marketing Agreement.**

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