

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

**NATIONAL LEAFY GREEN VEGETABLE TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE/
 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

This information is used to determine the qualifications, suitability and availability for service on the Technical Review Committee or the Research and Development Committee.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY OR TYPE

1. Name (First, Middle, Last)	
2. Home Address (include Zip Code)	3. Contact Information Business: Home: Fax: E-mail:
4. Company/Business Name	5. Occupation/Title
6. Company/Business Address (include Zip Code)	7. Years in Occupation
8. Company/Business Affiliation Name(s) and Location(s)	

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9. Please check zone(s) of place of business.

<input type="checkbox"/> Zone 1 – CA, HI	<input type="checkbox"/> Zone 6 – DE, District of Columbia, IN, KY, MD, MI, OH, VA, WV
<input type="checkbox"/> Zone 2 – AK, ID, MT, OR, WA, WY	<input type="checkbox"/> Zone 7 – AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TN
<input type="checkbox"/> Zone 3 – AZ, CO, NV, NM, UT	<input type="checkbox"/> Zone 8 – CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
<input type="checkbox"/> Zone 4 – IL, IA, MN, NE, ND, SD, WI	
<input type="checkbox"/> Zone 5 – AR, KS, LA, MO, OK, TX	

10. Are you a producer of leafy green vegetables who supplies a signatory handler?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
11. Are you a certified organic producer of leafy green vegetables who supplies a signatory handler?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
12. What is your current leafy green vegetable acreage? What is your total acreage? 	
13. Are you a signatory handler?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
14. Do you have annual total receipts of leafy green vegetables of \$750,000 per year or less as a producer or \$7,000,000 or less as a handler? Receipts means “total income” (or in the case of sole proprietorship, “gross income”) plus “cost of goods sold”, as these terms are defined and reported to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The annual receipts should be averaged for the last three completed fiscal years.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
15. Do you have professional expertise related to food safety technology and science as it relates to the production, handling, or manufacturing of leafy green vegetables in the respective zone?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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16. Are you a representative of a retailer?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
17. Are you a representative of a foodservice operator?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
18. Are you a public representative?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

19. Are you a representative from a land grant university with expertise in fresh and fresh-cut vegetable industry (for example, but not limited to: production, handling, marketing, of fresh and fresh-cut leafy green vegetables; small diversified, or organic production and handling practices for fresh and fresh-cut produce; agricultural economics; produce food safety; or, educational outreach in the abovementioned areas.?)

Yes No

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20. Are you engaged in the production or handling of leafy green vegetables?

Yes No

21. Are you a member of a producer cooperative, cooperative marketing association, cooperative bargaining association, handler cooperative, shareholder in a corporation, limited liability corporation, trust, association, or any other organization furthering the interest of leafy green vegetable producers or handlers?

Yes No

If Yes, please state the name, the type or organization, and your position in any and all organizations in which you are affiliated or a member.

22. List or attach a resume of any other affiliations and/or service as a community leader that would benefit you in your role as a member of this committee.

23. List or attach a resume of any Federal advisory committee or board on which you are currently a member and the number of years you have served on that committee or board.

24. List or attach a resume of your business experience.

25. List or attach a resume of your education and any specialized experience.

26. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? (A felony is defined as any violation of law punishable by imprisonment of longer than one year). Yes No If Yes, please explain on a separate piece of paper.

27. As a result of your participation in Federal programs, have any judgments been rendered against you? As a result of participation in any governmental programs relative to the purposes of the National Marketing Agreement Regulation Leafy Green Vegetables, have any civil or criminal actions been initiated against you? Yes No If Yes, please explain on a separate piece of paper.

28. Name as you would prefer it to appear on official correspondence.

By signing this form, I hereby state that all information provided by me on this form is true to the best of my knowledge, and I agree to serve, if appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Signature

Date

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