

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

NATIONAL LEAFY GREEN VEGETABLE BOARD BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This information is used to determine qualifications, suitability and availability for service on the National Leafy Green Vegetable Board (Board).

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY OR TYPE

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| 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(s) and Location(s) | |

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

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| <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. How are you involved in the leafy green vegetable industry?
 Producer Handler Importer Retailer Foodservice Operator Public

11. Position of Interest Member Alternate Willing to serve as Member or Alternate

To be Completed by Producers Only

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| 12. Are you a producer of leafy green vegetables who supplies a signatory handler? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 13. Are you a certified organic producer of leafy green vegetables who supplies a signatory handler? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 14. What is your current leafy green vegetable acreage? _____ What is your total acreage? _____ | |
| 15. Do you have annual total receipts of leafy green vegetables of \$750,000 per year or less as a producer? 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 |
| 16. Are you a diversified farm producing a variety of crops or animals, or both, on one farm, as distinguished from specialization of a single commodity? Variety of crops means any crop in addition to those included in the definition of leafy green vegetables. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

To be Completed by Signatory Handlers Only

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| 17. Are you a signatory handler? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 18. Are you a certified organic signatory handler of leafy green vegetables? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

19. Do you have annual total receipts of leafy green vegetables of \$7,000,000 per year 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 IRS. The annual receipts should be averaged for the last three completed fiscal years.

Yes No

To be Completed by Retailers, Foodservice Operators, and Public Only

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

Yes No

To be Completed by All Nominees

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 Board.

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 sheet 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 Regulating 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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