

PROCESSED PEAR BALLOT  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Agricultural Marketing Service  
Fruit and Vegetable Programs  
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**TO PROCESSED PEAR PRODUCERS:**

Marketing Order No. 927, regulating the handling of pears for processing grown in Oregon and Washington, requires the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a referendum within every six-year period to ascertain whether producers favor continuance of the Marketing Order. As a consequence, an order directing that a referendum be held was published in the Federal Register on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

A Producer Referendum Ballot is on the reverse side of this page. Also enclosed are:

1. Voting Instructions and Rules Governing Producer Eligibility to Vote;
2. News Release issued on the Referendum; and
3. Copy of the Referendum Order dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

The voting period for the Referendum is \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_. Please vote promptly because **Ballots postmarked later than \_\_\_\_\_, cannot be opened or counted.** Each Ballot will be held in strict confidence.

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Referendum Agent  
Phone: (503) 326-2724

**PRODUCER REFERENDUM BALLOT**

Marketing Order No. 927: Pears Grown in Oregon and Washington

**Please read the enclosed VOTING INSTRUCTIONS AND RULES GOVERNING PRODUCER ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE before completing this Ballot.**

This Referendum is being held to determine producer support for Marketing Order No. 927, regulating the handling of pears for processing grown in Oregon and Washington. The Secretary of Agriculture (the "Secretary") will consider termination of this Order if less than two-thirds of those voting and less than two-thirds of the volume represented in the Referendum favor continuance.

A. Do you favor continuance of Marketing Order No. 927, regulating the handling of pears for processing grown in Oregon and Washington?

YES

NO

**PRODUCER ELIGIBILITY STATEMENT**

B. I hereby certify that I am currently a producer of pears for processing within the production area and that during the representative period \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, through \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, I produced for the Canning or Freezing (Processing) market:

\_\_\_\_\_ standard boxes or equivalent, on \_\_\_\_\_ acres, in \_\_\_\_\_ County(ies).

C.

Name of Packing House(s) that Handled your Pears for the Canning or Freezing (Processing) Market	Tons or Equivalent	Affiliation (co-op or independent)

D. Producer's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Business \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_



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**VOTING INSTRUCTIONS AND RULES GOVERNING PRODUCER ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE**

- I. **VOTING PERIOD:** \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.
- II. **REPRESENTATIVE PERIOD:** \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.
- III. **PRODUCTION AREA:** States of Oregon and Washington
- IV. **PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE:** Any person who is currently a producer of pears for processing grown in the production area, and produced such pears during the representative period \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, is entitled to cast one Ballot. **Each separate business unit, partnership, LLC, family enterprise, corporation, association, estate, or firm is entitled to one vote.**

“Producer” means any individual, partnership, LLC, corporation, association, institution, estate, or other business unit who:

- Owns and farms land resulting in ownership of the pears for processing produced thereon;
- Rents and farms land resulting in ownership of all or a portion of the pears for processing produced thereon; or
- Owns land from which, as rental for such land, ownership is obtained of a portion of the pears for processing produced thereon. (A lienholder, cash landlord, or person having only a financial interest in the processed pear crop is not eligible to vote.)

V. **HOW TO VOTE:**

- A. Indicate your vote by placing an “X” in the appropriate box.
- B. Certify your processed pear production by listing the volume in tons or equivalent that you produced, the number of acres in production, and the county(ies) in which such pears were produced during the representative period \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_. If you are renting on a share-crop basis, you should show only that part of the crop represented by your share.
- C. List the names of packing houses that handled your processed pears, the number of tons or equivalent handled, and affiliation (co-op or independent).
- D. Print or type your name, phone number, business name, and address.
- E. Proxy voting is not authorized. If the Ballot is cast by an officer or employee of a partnership, LLC, corporation, association or other business unit, check box to indicate your business designation, and sign to indicate authority to vote. If by a partnership or joint venture, list the names of the partners.
- F. Sign below the certification. Incomplete or unsigned Ballots cannot be counted. Fold your Ballot so the Referendum Agent’s address is displayed, seal with tape and mail to:

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**Ballots must be postmarked by \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.** For further information,  
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