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

OFFICIAL PRODUCER'S BALLOT ON CONTINUANCE OF MARKETING ORDER NO. 981, AS AMENDED REGULATING THE HANDLING OF ALMONDS GROWN IN CALIFORNIA

	ructions and Eligibility Requirements, and then complete ity section. Return your Ballot in the envelope provided, 20 to be valid.
almonds grown in California. The Secretary of Agricultur	umber 981 (Order), as amended, regulating the handling of re (Secretary) will consider termination of the Order if less rds of the volume represented in the referendum favor appropriate box.
\square I FAVOR continuance of the Order	\square I DO NOT FAVOR continuance of the Order
VOTER CERTIFICATI	ON AND ELIGIBILITY
August 1, 20 through July 31, 20, I produced	currently producing almonds, and during the period from pounds (kernel weight) of almonds on county(ies). Note: if you are farming on a ting your share.
Signature	Title
If a partnership, give name(s) of partner(s)	
	of a producer (corporation or institution), or by a trustee, that I have the authority to cast this Ballot, and will submit a Secretary.
Entity Name	
Type of Business Entity (corporation, partnership, etc.)	
Address	
E-mail Address	
Name	_
Signature	

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VOTING PERIOD: ______, 20___ through ____

, 20____.

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

В.	PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE:	Any producer who is currently	engaged in the comme
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production of almonds in California and was so engaged during the representative period from August 1, 20___ through July 31, 20___ (20__ crop year) is entitled to cast one vote. An authorized officer or employee of a corporate producer, or an administrator, executor, or trustee of a producing estate or any other business unit is eligible to cast one vote on behalf of such producing business entity.

"Producer" means any individual, partnership, corporation, association, or other business unit who:

- (1) owns and farms land, resulting in ownership of the almonds produced thereon;
- (2) rents and farms land, resulting in ownership of all or a portion of the almonds produced thereon; or
- (3) owns land from which he or she does not farm and, as rental for such land, obtains ownership of a portion of the almonds produced thereon.

C. HOW TO VOTE:

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- 1. Indicate whether you favor or do not favor continuance of Marketing Order No. 981, regulating the handling of almonds grown in California, by placing an X in the appropriate box. Proxy voting is not authorized.
- 2. Certify your eligibility by completing the Voter Certification and Eligibility section. *Incomplete Ballots will not be counted.*
- 3. Sign the certification statement. *Unsigned Ballots will not be counted.*
- 4. Return your Ballot in the self-addressed envelope enclosed. No postage is necessary.

If you are eligible to vote for more than one entity and need additional Ballots, contact the California Marketing Field Office at (559) 487-5901.

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