

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

**CONFIDENTIAL BACKGROUND STATEMENT
 CITRUS ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE (M.O. 905)
 PUBLIC MEMBER/ALTERNATE**

The Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) needs the following information to determine whether you are qualified under Marketing Order No. 905 to serve on the Citrus Administrative Committee (Committee). Statutory authority to collect this information is provided in 7 U.S.C. 608. Failure to provide this information may hinder your selection by the Secretary.

1. Name (Please Print):	2. Tel. No. (Include Area Code):	3. Fax No. (Include Area code):
4. Mailing Address (Street, City, County, State and Zip Code):		
4b. E-Mail Address:		
5. State of Residency	5a. Number of Years _____	
6. Are you or any member of your immediate family directly associated with the _____ industry, financially or otherwise? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
7. If you have an indirect relationship with the _____ industry, please explain.		
8. Please list all public interest and service type organizations of which you are or have been a member, and list positions held with each organization.		
9. Are you willing to familiarize yourself with the industry and the provisions of the Marketing Agreement and/or Order, with the understanding that members of the industry and the Committee staff would assist you in this familiarization process? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
10. Are you willing to spend the time necessary to represent the public properly on such Committee? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
11. Would you be willing to undertake an assignment with the news media or other interested group to explain the Marketing Order as a representative of the general public? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
12. List any special qualifications you may have, such as educational training, work experience, etc., which would enhance your qualifications to serve.		

 Signature

 Date

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I certify that the information above is correct and I am willing to serve on the Committee.

Signature

Date

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