

**CALIFORNIA OLIVE COMMITTEE
HANDLER NOMINEE QUESTIONNAIRE**

Information concerning handler nominees to be used by the Secretary of Agriculture in selecting handler members and alternate handler members of the California Olive Committee (COC) pursuant to the Marketing Agreement and Order Regulating the Handling of Olives Grown in California.

CONFIDENTIAL

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ EIN: _____

City, State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Name of handler you are associated with: _____

Position you hold in firm: _____

No. of years with firm: _____ No. of years handler in business: _____

Are you, in your own name, also a producer of olives for market as packaged olives? _____
 If so, list varieties, approximate bearing acres, and counties of production:

Variety	Approx. Acreage	County	Variety	Approx. Acreage	County

Are you a member of a cooperative marketing association that handles olives? _____
 If so, give name: _____

Are you a member of any other organization furthering the interests of the olive industry? _____
 Is so, give name(s): _____

I will serve as a handler member or alternate handler member of the California Olive Committee.

Date _____ Signature _____

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