United States Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service Fruit and Vegetable Programs

## CHERRY INDUSTRY ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MARKETING ORDER NO. 930

## BACKGROUND/ACCEPTANCE STATEMENT PRODUCER/HANDLER MEMBER -or- ALTERNATE PRODUCER/HANDLER MEMBER

POSITION		COMMITTEE YEAR
Please provide information applicable to the position to which nominated. This information is required to determine the nominee's eligibility and willingness to serve on the committee and will be treated confidentially.		
NAME		TEL. NO
		FAX. NO
(St	reet or Box)	
(City, State, and ZIP Code)		(E-mail)
FIRM NAME		
POSITION WITH FIRM		
	APPROX. QUANTITY HANDLED PER YEA	
YEARS GROWING	ACRES GROWN LAST YEAR	
MEMBERSHIP IN INDUSTRY ORG	ANIZATIONS	
OFFICES HELD OR OTHER ACTIV	ITIES IN PAST YEARS CONNECTED WITH INDU	JSTRY PROGRAMS

If selected, I accept the appointment and agree to serve during the period for which I am appointed and until my successor has been selected and qualified. I also agree that I will carry out assigned duties in administering the terms and provisions of the marketing order to the best of my ability. When acting in my official capacity as a committee representative, I shall engage in only those activities that are authorized under the marketing order.

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