

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE  
FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAM

**COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION BALLOT  
ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF MARKETING ORDER NO. 981, REGULATING  
THE HANDLING OF ALMONDS GROWN IN CALIFORNIA**

I certify that I am an officer or employee of, and have been authorized by, \_\_\_\_\_  
Cooperative Association, located at \_\_\_\_\_, to  
furnish the following information and cast this Ballot on behalf of such Cooperative Association. There  
are \_\_\_\_\_ producers who: (a) are members of, stockholders in, or under contract with this Cooperative  
Association; (b) are now engaged in the growing of almonds in California, and also were so engaged  
during the period of July 1, 20\_\_ through March 31, 20\_\_; and (c) during this same period so produced  
for market \_\_\_\_\_ pounds (kernel weight) of almonds.

**DOES THE COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION FAVOR ISSUANCE BY THE SECRETARY OF  
AGRICULTURE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE MARKETING ORDER  
REGULATING THE HANDLING OF ALMONDS GROWN IN CALIFORNIA?** (Please indicate  
your vote by placing an "X" in one of the boxes below.)

YES       NO

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Cooperative Association

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Agent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

Corporate Seal  
(if none, so state)

**BALLOTS POSTMARKED LATER THAN MIDNIGHT ON \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_  
CANNOT BE COUNTED.**

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