

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
 SPECIALITY CROPS PROGRAM

**PRODUCER REFERENDUM BALLOT ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT
 OF MARKETING ORDER NO. 989, AS AMENDED, REGULATING THE HANDLING OF
 RAISINS PRODUCED FROM GRAPES GROWN IN CALIFORNIA**

THIS BALLOT WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL. PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING VOTER ELIGIBILITY AND VOTING INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING THIS BALLOT. YOUR BALLOT ENVELOPE MUST BE RECEIVED BY **MARCH 1, 2016**, TO BE VALID.

1. I hereby certify that I am an eligible producer of grapes for sun-drying or dehydration into raisins, and during the period from August 1, 2014 through July 31, 2015, I produced a **total** of: _____ tons (dried weight) of raisins for market. This tonnage was produced on _____ acres. (NOTE: If you are farming on a share-crop basis, report only that part of the tonnage representing your share.)

2. Please indicate the following about the business entity for which you are voting:

- Individual Trust Partnership Corporation

Tax Identification Number (TIN) _____

If a partnership, insert name and mailing address of partner(s): _____

3. Is the business entity for which you are voting a member of the Fresno Cooperative Raisin Growers? Yes No

4. Is the business entity for which you are voting a member of the Raisin Bargaining Association? Yes No

5. Is the business entity for which you are voting a member of Sun-Maid Growers of California? Yes No

6. Did the entity deliver raisins for cash to Sun-Maid Growers during the representative period? Yes No

a. If "Yes", then what portion of your total tonnage was delivered to Sun-Maid for cash? _____

7. Did the entity deliver raisins for cash to the Fresno Cooperative Raisin Growers during the representative period?

Yes No

a. If "Yes", then what portion of your total tonnage was delivered to Fresno Co-op for cash? _____

8. Please cast your vote for the following two questions (Indicate your vote by placing an "X" in one of the boxes below for each proposed amendment).

DO YOU FAVOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE AUTHORITY FOR THE RAISIN ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE TO BORROW MONEY FROM A COMMERCIAL LENDING INSTITUTION? Yes No

DO YOU FAVOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE AUTHORITY FOR THE RAISIN ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE TO ESTABLISH A MONETARY RESERVE EQUAL TO ONE YEAR'S OPERATIONAL BUDGETED EXPENSES AS AVERAGED OVER THE PAST SIX YEARS?

Yes No

Sign the ballot on the back – Complete the additional required information on the back.

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_____	(_____)_____	_____
Producer Name	Telephone Number	Email Address

_____	_____
Authorized Signature	Title and Capacity

Mailing Address of Authorized Signatory (incl. Street , City, State, and Zip Code)

A producer may sign this ballot on behalf of himself. If this ballot is cast by an *authorized officer or employee* of a producer, such as a corporation, association, institution, school, or similar business unit, or as an *administrator, executor, or trustee* of a producing estate, the authorized signature is certifying to the Secretary of Agriculture that they have authority to cast this Ballot for the producer named above and will submit evidence of such authority at the request of an Agent of the Secretary of Agriculture.

This ballot must be completed fully to be valid.

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