

WASHINGTON CHERRY MARKETING COMMITTEE  
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SPECIALTY CROPS PROGRAM

**CONFIDENTIAL BACKGROUND STATEMENT  
(COMMITTEE MEMBER)  
MARKETING ORDER NO. 923**

DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_ POSITION \_\_\_\_\_ COMMITTEE YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Business) \_\_\_\_\_

(If you are a handler, also show your firm=s name and in what capacity you serve in such firm.)

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Years growing (if grower member) \_\_\_\_\_ Cherry acreage (if grower member) \_\_\_\_\_

Years handling (if handler member) \_\_\_\_\_ Approx. tons handled (if handler member) \_\_\_\_\_

Is your operation certified organic? Yes No

Membership in industry organizations \_\_\_\_\_

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I am willing to serve on the Washington Cherry Marketing Committee.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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