**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

SPECIALTY CROPS PROGRAM

***MARKETING AGREEMENT, AS AMENDED,***

***REGULATING THE HANDLING OF ORANGES AND GRAPEFRUIT***

***GROWN IN THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY IN TEXAS***

The parties hereto, in order to effectuate the declared policy of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended (7 U.S.C. §§ 601-674, Act), and in accordance with the applicable rules of practice and procedure governing proceedings to formulate marketing agreements and orders

(7 CFR Part 900), desire to enter into this Agreement amending the Marketing Agreement regulating the handling of oranges and grapefruit grown in the Lower Rio Grande Valley in Texas, and each party hereto agrees that the handling of oranges and grapefruit grown in the Lower Rio Grande Valley in Texas shall be in conformity to, and in compliance with, the provisions of the said Marketing Agreement as hereby amended in the following respects:

1. The provisions of sections 906.1 to 906.62, inclusive, of Marketing Order No. 906, as amended (7 CFR Part 906), regulating the handling of oranges and grapefruit grown in the Lower Rio Grande Valley in Texas, as amended by the order annexed to and made a part of the decision of the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) with respect to the proposed amendment of the Marketing Agreement and the aforesaid order, plus the additional provisions hereinafter set forth, shall be, and the same hereby are, the terms and conditions hereof; and the specified provisions as amended by the said annexed order are hereby incorporated into this agreement as if set forth in full herein.
2. The additional provisions are as follows:

**Section 906.63 Counterparts.**

This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, and when one counterpart is signed by the Secretary, all such counterparts shall constitute, when taken together, one and the same instrument as if all signatures were contained in one original.

**Section 906.64 Additional Parties.**

After the effective date hereof, any handler may become a party to this Agreement if a counterpart thereof is executed by such handler and delivered to the Secretary. This Agreement shall take effect as to such new contracting party at the time such counterpart is delivered to the Secretary, and the benefits, privileges, and immunities conferred by this Agreement shall then be effective as to such new contracting party.

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**Section 906.65 Order with Marketing Agreement.**

Each signatory handler hereby requests the Secretary to issue, pursuant to the Act, an order regulating the handling of fruit by all handlers in the same manner as provided for in this Agreement.

Authorization to correct typographical errors.

The undersigned hereby authorizes the Deputy Administrator or Associate Deputy Administrator, Specialty Crops Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, United States Department of Agriculture, to correct any typographical errors which may have been made in this Agreement amending the Marketing Agreement.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the contracting parties, acting under the provisions of the Act, for the purpose and subject to the limitations therein contained, and not otherwise, have hereto set their respective signatures and seals.

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| Firm name |  | Signature |
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| Corporate seal:  if none, so state |  |  |
|  |  | Date of Execution |

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