

**United States Department of Agriculture
Agricultural Marketing Service**

OFFICIAL REFERENDUM BALLOT

Organic Research and Promotion Order

To be counted, completed ballots must be received by the U.S. Department of Agriculture on Month XX, 20XX, by 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

NOTE: Only one vote will be counted for each eligible domestic manufacturer and importer. Incomplete ballots may be INVALID and may not be counted in the referendum.

I. ELIGIBILITY

I produced or handled within the United States \$ _____ in gross sales of certified organic products during the period January 1 through December 31, 20XX, and am currently certified by a USDA accredited certifying agent.

OR

I imported to the United States \$ _____ in transaction value of certified organic products during the period January 1 through December 31, 20XX,

Do not include certified organic products exported from the United States.

****USDA may request documentation to support the values above.**

II. VOTE

Instructions: Mark one box only.

Do you favor implementing the Organic Research and Promotion Order?

YES

NO

III. CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

ALL BALLOTS MUST BE SIGNED BELOW IN ORDER TO BE COUNTED.

I **CERTIFY** that I am the person authorized to cast this ballot and that the information contained on this ballot is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and is made in good faith. If this ballot is being cast on behalf of any group of individuals, partnership, corporation, or other business entity engaged in the production, handling or importation of certified organic products, I also **CERTIFY** that I have the authority to cast this ballot.

X _____
SIGNATURE

DATE

ENTITY NAME

BUSINESS TELEPHONE NUMBER

IV. MAILING

Return ballot in the enclosed, postage-paid envelope.

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