

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE FOR PISTACHIOS
FEDERAL MARKETING ORDER 983
OFFICIAL BALLOT MATERIAL**

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PRODUCER BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS

DISTRICT BALLOT: The attached ballot is for the district in which you produce pistachios (contact the Committee office if your production area is in a different district).

Vote for the candidate(s) of your choice up to the maximum number indicated on the ballot.
And/or write in the candidate(s) name(s) of your choice in the spaces provided

The candidate(s) receiving the highest number of votes shall be the member nominee(s), and the next highest votes shall be the alternate member nominee(s). In case of a tie vote, the nominee(s) shall be selected by a drawing.

VOTER ELIGIBILITY: The Administrative Committee for Pistachios has producer members and member alternates that represent four districts. Only producers (individuals, partnerships, LLCs, corporations, trust, association, or any other business unit), including duly authorized officers or employees of producers, shall participate in the election of producer members and alternate producer members of the Committee.

VOTING RESTRICTIONS: No producer shall participate in the election of Committee members in more than one district. If a producer commercially produces pistachios during the current production year in more than one district, the producer must vote in the same district in which he or she participated in the nomination process previously conducted. If the producer did not participate in the nominations process, he or she may choose which district in which to vote.

VOTING PERIOD: March xx, 20xx through April xx, 20xx

BALLOT CERTIFICATION: Print your name and title (if applicable), and certify your eligibility to vote by signing and dating the ballot. Ballot without a signature will not be counted.

Only ballots must be signed, and received by April XX, 20XX (postmarked, faxed, or delivered) to be counted.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE FOR PISTACHIOS
DISTRICT X BALLOT****VOTING DEADLINE**
April X, 20XX

District __ consists of _____

You must be a producer of pistachios in District __ to vote on this ballot. If you produce pistachios in more than one district, choose one district in which to vote. District __ has __ producer member and __ alternate producer member positions to be filled for a two year term that begins **July 1, 20XX**. You may **vote for two (2) candidates** (number of member positions available). Check the box next to the candidates of your choice and/or submit write-in candidates. **Ballots with more than 2 votes will not be counted.**

____Candidate One	____Candidate Two
____Candidate Three	____Candidate Four
____Candidate Five	____Candidate Six
_____ Write-In Candidate	_____ Write-In Candidate
_____ *Contact Info (phone, email)	_____ *Contact Info (phone, email)
*Contact information needed for write-in candidates	

CERTIFICATION OF VOTER ELIGIBILITY (only ballots certified with a signature will be counted)

I certify that I or my employer currently produce(s) pistachios for market in District __ and that I have voted in only one district in this election process. If I am casting a ballot on behalf of my employer, I certify that I have authority to do so.

Producer Name	Producer Tax ID	
Print Your Name	Signature	Date
Title (if voting on behalf of a corporation, estate or trust)		

Mail, email, or fax your ballot by April X, 20XX (ballots not received or postmarked by this date will not be counted):

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