

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

**CONFIDENTIAL BACKGROUND STATEMENT (PUBLIC MEMBER)**

Marketing Order No. 955: Vidalia Onions Grown in Georgia

Information concerning nominees will be used by the Secretary of Agriculture in appointing public interest members and alternates to administrative committees of marketing agreements and orders.

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

2. Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

3. State of residency \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years \_\_\_\_\_

4. Are you or any member of your immediate family directly associated with the Vidalia onion industry financially or otherwise?  Yes  No

5. If you have an indirect relationship with the Vidalia onion industry, please explain.  
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6. Please list all public interest and service type organizations of which you are or have been a member and positions held with each organization.  
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Committee members are also prohibited from attempting to influence State or Federal government actions or policies or those of foreign governments, except as specifically authorized under the marketing order or expressly approved by the Secretary. Committee members are specifically precluded from authorizing the expenditure of marketing order funds for the purpose of attempting to influence legislation or government actions.

These same prohibitions apply to committee managers, staff, and contractors, except that committee manager may consult with the Department of Agriculture employees during the pendency of informal rulemaking actions.

**I am willing to serve on the Vidalia Onion Committee.**

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Signature

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Date

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