

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

CERTIFICATE OF RESOLUTION
COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION PRODUCER BALLOT
Cranberry Marketing Order No. 929 - Amendment Referendum

At a duly convened meeting of the Board of Directors of _____ held at _____ on _____, 20____, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that _____ hereby authorizes

Name

Title

and

Name

Title

severally or jointly, at their discretion and on behalf of the Corporation, to cast the cooperative association's producer Ballot for the membership of said organization to determine whether growers favor the amendments to Marketing Order No. 929.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said Corporation this ____ day of _____, 20____.

Firm Name

Signature

Address

Title

City, State, Zip Code

Corporate Seal: if none, so state

Date of Execution

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I hereby certify that I have been authorized¹ to furnish the following information and to cast this vote on behalf of the cooperative association listed below. There are _____ cranberry producers who are members of, stockholders in, or under contract with this cooperative on the date this vote is cast, and who produced _____ barrels of cranberries for market during the 20__ - 20__ season.

Is the list of each cranberry producer provided to the Cranberry Marketing Committee an accurate listing of the producers for whom you are voting? ***If not,*** attach hereto a list showing the name, current mailing address and zip code of each such producer.

(Name of Cooperative)

(Address of Cooperative)

Signature

Title

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Note: All questions must be answered fully and this Ballot, together with accompanying documents, must be **signed and postmarked by** _____, **20__** to be counted in this referendum.

¹Attach to this Ballot a certified copy of the resolution of the Board of Directors authorizing you to cast this ballot on behalf of the Association.

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REFERENDUM QUESTIONS

A “YES” vote means you **favor** the change. A “NO” vote means you **oppose** the change.

| YES | NO | <i>Note:</i> Where referenced, “Committee” means the Cranberry Marketing Committee. |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. Do you favor adding authority for the Committee to conduct production research and development projects? (§ 929.45) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. Do you favor adding authority for a method whereby annual allotments are calculated on the basis of sales histories and adding provisions regarding excess cranberries? (§§ 929.10, 929.13, 929.15, 929.48, 929.49, 929.50, 929.52, 929.59, 929.60, and 929.61) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. Do you favor limiting Committee member tenure to three consecutive two-year terms? (§ 929.21) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. Do you favor requiring handlers to pay assessments on the weight of cranberries acquired rather than on the weight of cranberries handled? (§ 929.41) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. Do you favor adding a definition for the term “barrel?” (§ 929.17) |

Minor conforming, editorial, and non-substantive modifications of the order language included in the Secretary’s Decision have not been specifically described in the five referendum questions presented for voting, but will be incorporated in the Order as appropriate.

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