

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

PRODUCER REFERENDUM BALLOT

Marketing Order No. 959: Onions Grown in South Texas

BALLOTS POSTMARKED AFTER _____, 20____, WILL NOT BE COUNTED IN THE REFERENDUM.

PART I. REFERENDUM INSTRUCTIONS:

A. **COMPLETE PARTS II, III, AND IV.** Incomplete or unsigned Ballots cannot be counted. Ballots must be postmarked by _____, 20____.

B. **ELIGIBLE VOTERS:** Any person who produced onions for fresh market during the period _____, 20____, through _____, 20____, and who is now a producer, is eligible to vote. Additional Ballots may be obtained by contacting the Southeast Marketing Field Office or your County Extension Service Office.

1. A producer (or grower) is defined as:

(a) anyone who produces onions for fresh market in the counties of Val Verde, Kinney, Uvalde, Medina, Wilson, Karnes, Goliad, Victoria, Calhoun, Maverick, Zavala, Frio, Atascosa, Dimmit, La Salle, McMullen, Live Oak, Bee, Refugio, Webb, Duval, Jim Wells, San Patricio, Nueces, Zapata, Jim Hogg, Brooks, Kleberg, Kenedy, Starr, DeWitt, Aransas, Hidalgo, Willacy and Cameron;

(b) a renter or tenant of acreage producing onions for fresh market; or

(c) a landlord who received from a renter or tenant such onions as rent for the land on which such onions were grown. A cash landlord, lienholder, or person having only a financial interest in the crop is not an eligible voter.

2. A business unit, partnership, family enterprise, corporation, association, estate, or firm may vote; however, each such entity is entitled to one vote.

3. Proxy voting is not authorized.

C. **VOTING INSTRUCTIONS:**

Provide the voter information requested in Part II. In Part III, mark the block for or against continuing the order. Certify your answer by signing the appropriate section of Part IV. **If you do not complete Parts II, III, and IV, your Ballot cannot be validated and your vote will not be counted.**

Mail Parts II, III, and IV in the official envelope. If you do not have an official envelope, send the Ballot to the USDA's Southeast Marketing Field Office, 1124 First Street South, Winter Haven, FL 33880. Mark the envelope "Onion Referendum."

PART II. VOTER INFORMATION:

A. NAME (Please print) _____

B. SPECIFIC LOCATION OF ONION ACREAGE REPRESENTED IN THIS BALLOT: _____

(Highway and Street Address, if applicable, and County, City, State, and Zip Code)

C. DO YOU RESIDE ON THE PROPERTY ON WHICH THE ONIONS ARE PRODUCED? YES NO
IF NO, PLEASE GIVE YOUR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: _____

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