

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- I. VOTING PERIOD:** _____, 20__ - _____, 20__
- II. ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE:** Any producer now engaged in producing English walnuts in California for market and was so engaged during the representative period _____, 20__, through _____, 20__, is eligible to cast one vote. An authorized officer or employee of a corporate producer, or an administrator, executive, or trustee of a producing estate or any other business unit is eligible to cast one vote on behalf of such producing business entity.
- “Producer” means any individual, partnership, corporation, association, or other business unit who:
- A. owns and farms land, resulting in ownership of the English walnuts produced thereon;
 - B. rents and farms land, resulting in ownership of all or a portion of the English walnuts produced thereon; or
 - C. owns land from which he or she does not farm and, as rental for such land, obtains ownership of a portion of the English walnuts produced thereon.
- III. HOW TO VOTE:**
- A. Indicate whether you favor or do not favor continuance of Marketing Order No. 984, regulating the handling of walnuts grown in California, by placing an “X” in the appropriate box. *Proxy voting is not authorized.*
 - B. Certify your eligibility by completing the Voter Certification and Eligibility Section on the reverse side.
 - C. Sign the certification statement on the reverse side. ***Unsigned ballots will not be counted.***
 - D. Return your completed ballot in the self-addressed envelope enclosed. No postage is necessary.

If you are eligible to vote for more than one entity and need additional ballots, contact the California Marketing Field Office at (559) 487-5901.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
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OFFICIAL PRODUCER'S BALLOT
ON CONTINUANCE OF MARKETING ORDER NO. 984
REGULATING THE HANDLING OF WALNUTS GROWN IN CALIFORNIA

INSTRUCTIONS: Please read the Voting Instructions and Eligibility Requirements on the reverse side, and then complete this ballot, including the Voter Certification and Eligibility Section below. Return your ballot in the envelope provided. Ballots must be signed and postmarked on or before _____, 20__.

This referendum is for the continuance of Marketing Order No. 984 (order) regulating the handling of walnuts grown in California. The Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) will consider termination of the order if less than two-thirds of those voting and less than two-thirds of the volume represented in the referendum favor continuance. Indicate your vote by placing an "X" in the appropriate box.

I FAVOR continuance of the order **I DO NOT FAVOR continuance of the order**

VOTER CERTIFICATION AND ELIGIBILITY

I hereby certify that I am an eligible producer of English walnuts. I am currently producing English walnuts and during the period _____, 20__, through _____, 20__, I produced _____ ton(s), (inshell basis) of English walnuts on _____ acres in _____ county(ies). *Note: if you are farming on a share-crop basis, show only that part of the crop representing your share.*

Name _____

Signature _____ Title _____

If a partnership, give name(s) of partner(s) _____

If this ballot is cast by an officer or employee on behalf of a producer (e.g., a corporation, institution, school, or college); or by an administrator, executor, or trustee of a producing estate, I certify that I have the authority to cast this ballot, and will submit evidence of such authority at the request of the Secretary.

Entity Name _____

Type of Business Entity (corporation, partnership, etc.) _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

Name _____

Signature _____ Title _____

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