

**United States Department of Agriculture
Agricultural Marketing Service**

OFFICIAL REFERENDUM BALLOT

**Christmas Tree Promotion, Research and
Information Order**

Complete Sections II, and III of this ballot. Mail or email your completed ballot. To be counted, completed ballots must be postmarked by Month X, 20XX. Ballots delivered via express mail or e-mail must show proof of delivery no later than xx:xx xx Eastern X Time on Month X, 20XX.

NOTE: Only one vote will be counted for each eligible producer and importer. Incomplete ballots may be INVALID and may not be counted in the referendum.

I. CERTIFICATION

I am a Christmas tree producer or importer, and I domestically produced (cut and sold) or imported more than 500 Christmas trees that were subject to assessment during the period Month XX, 20XX to Month XX, 20XX.

USDA may request documentation to verify that you domestically produced or imported more than 500 trees during the representative period.

II. VOTE

Instructions: Mark one box only.

**Do you favor [implementing/amending/continuing] the Christmas Tree
Promotion, Research and Information Order?**

YES

NO

III. SIGNATURE

ALL BALLOTS MUST BE SIGNED AND DATED BELOW IN ORDER TO BE COUNTED.

I **CERTIFY** that I am the person authorized to cast this ballot and that the information contained on this ballot is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and is made in good faith. If this ballot is being cast on behalf of any group of individuals, partnership, corporation, or other business entity engaged in the production or importation of Christmas trees, I also **CERTIFY** that I have the authority to cast this ballot.

Signature:		Date:	
Print Name:		Email:	
Company Name:		Phone:	

IV. MAILING

You may return you ballot in the enclosed, postage-paid envelope OR scan and e-mail your ballot to CTReferendum@usda.gov

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