

United States Department of Agriculture
Agricultural Marketing Service
Dairy Programs

FLUID MILK PROMOTION ORDER CONTINUANCE REFERENDUM

FLUID MILK PROCESSORS

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See the reverse of this form for instructions for completing the ballot. This ballot and the information provided will be kept confidential. (Please type or print.)

Processor Name

Processor Address

City

State

Zip Code

BALLOT: DO YOU FAVOR CONTINUATION OF THE FLUID MILK PROMOTION ORDER?

(Place an "X" in only one space)

YES, continue the Order

NO, terminate the Order

I hereby CERTIFY that the name and address above are correct and that I am eligible to vote as set forth on the reverse side of this ballot. My signature below certifies that I have the authority to act on behalf of this organization.

Name (Please Type or Print)

Signature

Title

Date

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(over)

Fluid Milk Promotion Order Continuance Referendum

The Fluid Milk Promotion Act of 1990 (Title XIX, subtitle H, of the Food, and Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, Pub L. 1001-624) authorized the establishment of a national program for fluid milk promotion. This program is funded by a 20-cent per hundredweight assessment on fluid milk products processed and marketed commercially in consumer-type packages in the 48 contiguous United States and the District of Columbia by fluid milk processors, excluding deliveries directly to the residence of consumers. A board of 20 members, 15 who represent geographic regions and five at-large members, has been appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture to administer the Order.

The Act requires the Secretary to conduct a continuation referendum among fluid milk processors to determine if they approve the continuation or termination of the Fluid Milk Promotion Order. Continuation of the Order is contingent upon approval by at least 50 percent of the fluid milk processors voting. Those voting for approval also must have processed and marketed collectively 60 percent or more of the fluid milk products marketed in the United States by processors participating in the referendum.

I. Referendum Period. Voting will be conducted by mail beginning _____ through _____. Ballots postmarked after _____ will not be counted.

II. Processors Eligible to Vote Must Meet ALL of the Following Conditions:

1. Be registered by _____.
2. Have processed and marketed commercially at least 3,000,000 pounds of fluid milk products in consumer-type packages in the United States during _____ excluding deliveries directly to the residence of consumers.
3. Be processing and marketing fluid milk products in consumer-type packages in the United States:
 - a. At the time of voter registration, and
 - b. At the time of voting.

III. Instructions for Completing the Ballot.

1. Vote in the space provided.
2. Type or print your name and title, sign, and date the ballot.
3. Correct the printed mailing address, if necessary.
4. Mail the ballot in the pre-addressed envelope so that it is postmarked during the period of _____ through _____. If you do not have a pre-addressed envelope, mail the ballot to:

Referendum Agent
USDA, AMS, Dairy Programs
Room 2968-S, Mail Stop 0225
1400 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-0225

If you have questions or need information on the referendum, call the Referendum Agent at (202) 720-6909.

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