

Producer Member Nomination Form**NOMINATION DEADLINE****Instructions**

You may nominate yourself or another eligible producer for the district in which you produce pistachios. Nominees are needed for terms that expire on **June 30, 20__** in Districts 1, 2, and __. Use one form per nomination (for additional forms make copies of this one or download at www.acpistachios.org).

1. Check the district in which you produce pistachios (choose one if you produce in multiple districts). The person nominated must be a producer, authorized officer, or employee of a producer in this district.
2. Print the name and contact information of the person you are nominating.
3. Print your name and contact information.
4. Sign this form to certify that you, or your employer, currently produce pistachios in the District checked.
5. **Return this form by mail, fax, or email by _____, 20__ :**


Administrative Committee for Pistachios**4938 E. Yale Ave., Suite 102****Fresno, CA 93727****Phone: (559) 255-6480; Fax: (559) 255-6485; Email: admin@acpistachios.org****Nomination**

I nominate the following person for a member/alternate member position in **District** 1, 2, __:

Name of Nominee (Please print clearly):		Name of Business Operation:		
Mailing Address, City, State and Zip:		Years in the Pistachio business: _____ years	Organic Producer Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Telephone Number:	Fax Number:	Email Address:		

Certification

I certify that I, or my employer, currently produce pistachios in the District selected above and that I am authorized to submit this nomination.

Your Name (Please print clearly):		Name of Your Business Operation:		
Mailing Address, City, State and Zip:		Years in the Pistachio business: _____ years	Organic Producer Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Telephone Number:	Email Address:			
Signature: 			Date:	

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FEDERAL MARKETING ORDER 983
Background Information

MARKETING ORDER 983

Marketing Order 983 (order), regulating the handling of pistachios grown in California, Arizona and New Mexico, became effective on November 3, 2009. The Administrative Committee for Pistachios (Committee) consists of nine producer members, two handler members, one public member and their alternates. Of the nine producer members, four are producer members and their respective alternates from District 1, three are producer members and their respective alternates from District 2, one is a producer member and his/her respective alternate from District 3, and one is a producer member and his/her respective alternate from District 4. The order provides authority for pistachio producers in each of the four districts to submit the names of candidates for nomination for membership on the Committee. If you are interested in nominating yourself or another producer to serve on the Committee for Districts 1, 2, 3, or 4, please read the following information and submit the completed nomination form.

Producer member districts:

District 1: Imperial, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Tulare, and Ventura counties;

District 2: Fresno, Kings, Madera, and Merced counties;

District 3: Counties not in District 1 or 2; and

District 4: Arizona and New Mexico

20 ELECTION: seeking nominations for the two-year term _____ – _____ in Districts 1, 2, and ___.

The order specifies that a two-year term of office shall be staggered for elected producer members and their alternates. Every year the committee solicits nominations for membership on the 12-member Committee for the seats that expire June 30th. Nominees will be notified and asked to return a Qualification and Acceptance Form to verify eligibility and willingness to serve as a producer member or alternate producer member. Each producer member and alternate producer member on the committee shall, at the time of selection and during the term of office, be a pistachio producer, or an officer, or an employee of a producer. Members and alternate members are limited to eight consecutive years of service (may serve again after twelve or more months out of office). Names of eligible nominees will be placed on district ballots and sent to producers to vote for candidates of their choice.

NOMINATION ELIGIBILITY

Complete a nomination form to nominate yourself or another eligible producer to run for a position on the committee. Nominees must produce pistachios in the district being nominated for. If you produce pistachios in more than one district, you may nominate a candidate from only one district of your choice. Only producers, including duly authorized officers or employees of producers, may participate in the nomination of candidates for producer members and their alternates. If you are both a producer and a handler of pistachios, you may participate in both producer and handler nominations.

AFFILIATION

The order prescribes that not more than two members and not more than two alternate members shall be persons employed by or affiliated with producers or handlers that are affiliated with the same handler and/or producer. Affiliation is defined as: normally appears as "affiliate of", or "affiliated with", and means a person such as a producer or handler who is: a producer or handler that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, owns or controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with the producer or handler specified; or a producer or handler that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, is connected in a proprietary capacity, or shares the ownership or control of the specified producer or handler with one or more other producers or handlers. As used in this part, the term "control" (including the terms "controlling", "controlled by", and "under the common control with") means the possession, direct or indirect, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a handler or a producer, whether through voting securities, membership in a cooperative, by contract or otherwise.

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