

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

OFFICIAL REFERENDUM BALLOT

**Natural Grass Sod Promotion, Research, and
Information Order**

To be counted, completed ballots must be received by the U.S. Department of Agriculture on [INSERT DATE] by 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

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

I. ELIGIBILITY

I have been engaged in the production and sale of natural grass sod products in the United States during the period [INSERT DATE] through [INSERT DATE], and am currently a natural grass sod producer.

YES

NO

****USDA may request documentation to support the claim above.**

II. VOTE

Instructions: Mark one box only.

**Do you favor implementing the Natural Grass Sod
Promotion, Research, and Information Order?**

YES

NO

III. CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

ALL BALLOTS MUST BE SIGNED 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 and sale of natural grass sod products, I also **CERTIFY** that I have the authority to cast this ballot.

SIGNATURE

DATE

PRINTED NAME

TELEPHONE NUMBER

ENTITY NAME

TAX ID/EMPLOYER ID#

IV. MAILING

Return ballot in the enclosed, postage-paid envelope.

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