

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
SPECIALTY CROPS PROGRAM

**COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION BALLOT ON
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF MARKETING ORDER NO. 989, AS AMENDED, REGULATING
THE HANDLING OF RAISINS PRODUCED FROM GRAPES GROWN IN CALIFORNIA**

THIS BALLOT WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL. PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATION AND VOTING INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING THIS BALLOT. YOUR BALLOT ENVELOPE MUST BE POSTMARKED BY _____, 20__ TO BE VALID.

I certify that I am an officer or employee of, and have been authorized by, _____ Cooperative to furnish the following information and cast this Ballot on behalf of _____ Cooperative.¹ There are _____ producers who: (a) are members of, stockholders in, and producers under contract with _____ Cooperative; (b) are now engaged in the State of California in the growing of raisins produced from grapes grown in California for market, and also were so engaged during the period of _____, 20__ through _____, 20__; and (c) during this same period so produced for market the following quantity of raisins²: _____ tons.

DOES _____ COOPERATIVE FAVOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS BY THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE OF THE ORDER REGULATING THE HANDLING OF RAISINS PRODUCED FROM GRAPES GROWN IN CALIFORNIA?

Cast your vote for each of the following eight questions.

(Indicate your vote by placing an "X" in one of the boxes below for each of the proposed amendments).

1. DO YOU FAVOR WHETHER TO AMEND § 989.53 TO AUTHORIZE PRODUCTION RESEARCH?
☐ Yes ☐ No
2. DO YOU FAVOR WHETHER TO AMEND §§ 989.29 AND 989.129 TO AUTHORIZE SEPARATE NOMINATIONS FOR INDEPENDENT PRODUCER MEMBER AND INDEPENDENT PRODUCER ALTERNATE MEMBER SEATS?
☐ Yes ☐ No
3. DO YOU FAVOR WHETHER TO AMEND §§ 989.58, 989.59, AND 989.61 TO ADD AUTHORITY TO REGULATE QUALITY, AND WHETHER TO REVISE THE HEADING PRIOR TO § 989.58 TO INCLUDE QUALITY?
☐ Yes ☐ No
4. DO YOU FAVOR WHETHER TO AMEND § 989.59 TO ADD AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH DIFFERENT REGULATIONS FOR DIFFERENT MARKETS?
☐ Yes ☐ No
5. DO YOU FAVOR WHETHER TO AMEND § 989.91 TO REQUIRE CONTINUANCE REFERENDA?
☐ Yes ☐ No
6. DO YOU FAVOR WHETHER TO AMEND THE ORDER TO REMOVE VOLUME REGULATION AND RESERVE POOL AUTHORITY? THIS WOULD INCLUDE: REMOVING §§ 989.91 989.55 AND 989.56, §§ 989.65 THROUGH 989.67, §§ 989.71, 989.72, 989.82, 989.154, 989.156, 989.166, 989.167, 989.221, 989.257 AND 989.401; REVISING §§ 989.11, 989.53, 989.54, 989.58, 989.59, 989.60, 989.73, 989.79, 989.80, 989.84, 989.158, 989.173 AND 989.210; AND REDESIGNATING § 989.70 AS § 989.96. IN ADDITION, WHETHER CORRESPONDING CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE TO THE FOLLOWING HEADINGS: "VOLUME REGULATION" PRIOR TO §§ 989.65; "VOLUME REGULATION" PRIOR TO § 989.166; AND "SUBPART—SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS" PRIOR TO § 989.401.
☐ Yes ☐ No

**Voting continued on the back of this page.
Please remember to sign this ballot to make your vote count!**

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7. DO YOU FAVOR WHETHER TO AMEND § 989.28 TO ESTABLISH TERM LIMITS? ☐ Yes ☐ No

8. DO YOU FAVOR ANY CONFORMING CHANGES NEEDED TO BE MADE AS A RESULT OF THE ABOVE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS? CONFORMING CHANGES MAY ALSO INCLUDE NONSUBSTANTIVE, TYPORGRAPHICAL ERRORS. ☐ Yes ☐ No

_____ Cooperative

Signature of Authorized Agent

Title/Official Capacity

**This ballot must be completed fully and postmarked
by _____, 20__ to be valid.**

¹ If not previously provided, include the Cooperative Association's resolution, which was adopted by the Board of Directors authorizing the casting of this Ballot.

² If not previously provided, a list, in alphabetical order, containing the names and addresses, and the weight of raisins delivered, from August 1, 2016 through July 31, 2017, to the Cooperative Association by each such producer has been forwarded to the USDA's Specialty Crops Programs, California Marketing Field Office, under separate cover.

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