

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

TO: Cranberry Handlers

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_, Agent of the Secretary of Agriculture

SUBJECT: Referendum Instructions - Cranberry Marketing Order No. 929

**I. REFERENDUM PERIOD**

\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ is the referendum period during which handlers may vote for or against proposed amendments to the Marketing Order regulating the handling of cranberries grown in the States of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Oregon, Washington and Long Island in the State of New York. All votable issues have been included in this Ballot.

**II. INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING -- YOUR BALLOT MUST SUPPLY:**

1. Your vote. Mark in the block of your choice.
2. The number of barrels of cranberries handles or processed during the 20\_\_ crop year.
3. Your signature and address. If voting for a corporation, estate, or producer, show its name and your title. Enclosed is an envelope for returning the Ballot. No postage is required.

**III. PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE**

1. Any person who canned, froze, or dehydrated cranberries within the production area during the 20\_\_ crop year (September 1, 20\_\_ through August 31, 20\_\_) is a handler of cranberries.
2. A business unit (partnership, corporation, association, estate, or firm) may cast only one vote; however, each separate entity is entitled to one vote.

---

Agent of the Secretary

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is OMB 0581-0189. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 20 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

SC-287 (Exp. X/XXXX) Destroy previous editions.

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

OFFICIAL PROCESSOR BALLOT

**This Ballot MUST be signed and postmarked by \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ to be counted in this referendum.**

1. I hereby certify that I am a handler of cranberries, and that, during the crop year from September 1, 20\_\_, through August 31, 20\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ barrels of fresh cranberries produced within the production area were canned, frozen, or dehydrated by said handler.

2. Name of Handler:

\*By: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code

***\* If the vote is cast on behalf of a corporation, estate, partnership, or cooperative, my signature certifies that I have the authority to take such action.***

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

REFERENDUM QUESTIONS

A “YES” vote means you **favor** the change. A “NO” vote means you **oppose** the change.

YES	NO	<i>Note:</i> Where referenced, “Committee” means the Cranberry Marketing Committee.
( )	( )	1. Do you favor adding authority for the Committee to conduct production research and development projects? (§929.45)
( )	( )	2. Do you favor adding authority for a method whereby annual allotments are calculated on the basis of sales histories and adding provisions regarding excess cranberries? (§§ 929.10, 929.13, 929.15, 929.48, 929.49, 929.50, 929.52, 929.59, 929.60, and 929.61)
( )	( )	3. Do you favor limiting Committee member tenure to three consecutive two-year terms? (§ 929.21)
( )	( )	4. Do you favor requiring handlers to pay assessments on the weight of cranberries acquired rather than on the weight of cranberries handled? (§ 929.41)
( )	( )	5. Do you favor adding a definition for the term “barrel?” (§ 929.17)

Minor conforming, editorial, and non-substantive modifications of the order language included in the Secretary’s Decision have not been specifically described in the five referendum questions presented for voting, but will be incorporated in the Order as appropriate.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA’s TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English. To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at [http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\\_filing\\_cust.html](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html) and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov). USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.