

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

Referendum Instructions - Cranberry Marketing Order No. 929

I. REFERENDUM PERIOD

\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ is the referendum period during which producers may vote for or against continuance of 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.

For the marketing order to continue, it must be supported by at least 50 percent of the growers voting or the growers representing at least 50 percent of the volume of production represented in the referendum.

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 produced in the \_\_\_\_\_ crop year and acreage and the State where produced.
3. Your cooperative affiliation, if any.
4. 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 producer who produced cranberries for market during the 20\_\_ crop year from September 1, 20\_\_, through March 31, 20\_\_, and is now a producer.
2. For the purposes of this referendum, a producer is defined as: (a) an owner of a cranberry bog or marsh that produces cranberries; (b) a renter or tenant of a cranberry bog or marsh that produces cranberries; or (c) a landlord who received from a renter or tenant cranberries as rent for land on which cranberries are grown. A cash landlord, lienholder or person having only a financial interest in the crop is ineligible.
3. A business unit partnership, family enterprise, corporation, association, estate, or firm may cast only one vote; however, each separate entity is entitled to one vote.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE  <b>OFFICIAL PRODUCER BALLOT</b> CRANBERRY MARKETING ORDER NO. 929	<b>INSTRUCTIONS:</b> Complete the Ballot and Certification. Fold on the dotted line with the address displayed, and return. Information you enter on this Ballot will be kept strictly confidential. <b>In order to be counted, your Ballot must be signed and postmarked by _____, 20__.</b>
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Please read all questions and answer those that apply to you. This Referendum is for the purpose of determining whether growers favor continuance of Marketing Order No. 929.

Do you favor continuance of Marketing Order No. 929 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?

**YES, I favor continuance of Marketing Order No. 929.**

**NO, I do not favor continuance of Marketing Order No. 929.**

**CERTIFICATION STATEMENT**

I hereby certify that I am a producer and produced cranberries within the defined production area during the 20\_\_ crop year (September 1, 20\_\_ through August 31, 20\_\_). *(If you did not harvest cranberries from your acreage during 20\_\_ because of crop failure or non-bearing acreage, write "NONE" in the space provided for number of barrels below).*

\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
 (barrels) (approx. acreage) (State)

Name	Address
Signature	Date

**NOTE:** If you are renting on a share crop basis, you should report only that part of the crop represented by your share.

If you marketed any of the above cranberries through a cooperative marketing association, please list the cooperative's name.

**NOTE:** If the vote is cast on behalf of a corporate, estate, or producer, my signature certifies that I have the authority to take such action. (IN SUCH CASE, SHOW NAME OF SUCH CORPORATION, ESTATE, OR PRODUCER AND YOUR TITLE BELOW).

Name of corporation, estate, or producer	Title
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