

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Agricultural Marketing Service
Fruit and Vegetable Programs
xx Marketing Field Office
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City, State, Zip

NATIONAL LEAFY GREEN
ADMINISTRATIVE
COMMITTEE

OFFICIAL HANDLER NOMINATION FORM – ZONE #

NOMINATION FORM FOR HANDLER MEMBERS MEMBERS

TO LEAFY GREEN HANDLERS:

Marketing Agreement 970 (Agreement), regulating the handling of Leafy Greens grown in the United States became effective on xx/xx/xxxx. Subsequently, the Department of Agriculture (USDA) is conducting nominations for membership on the 23-member National Leafy Greens Administrative Committee (Committee) for the initial terms of office. Of the 23 members,

- a) Four handlers and two producers from Zone 1;
- b) Three handlers and one producer from Zone 2;
- c) Two handlers and one producer from Zone 3;
- d) Two handlers and one producer from Zone 4; and
- e) Two handlers and one producer from Zone 5;

Each of the members will have an alternate. The Agreement provides authority for leafy green handlers to submit the names of handler candidates to serve on the Committee. If you are interested in nominating yourself or another individual to serve on the Committee as a handler member or alternate member, please read the following information and submit the completed nomination form to the xx Marketing Field Office. The completed nomination form must be postmarked, faxed, or hand-delivered no later than xx/xx/xxxx.

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NATIONAL LEAFY GREEN ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE HANDLER MEMBERS

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE ATTACHED NOMINATION FORM

1. Nomination Period: xx/xx/xxxx through xx/xx/xxxx.
2. Nominate yourself and/or another eligible handler to run for office as a handler member from Zone # on the National Leafy Green Administrative Committee (Committee) X handler member and X alternate handler member positions are allocated to Zone #. Eligible handlers may nominate X candidate(s) to fill each of these positions. All eligible nominees will be placed on the ballot as handlers and the handlers and their alternates determined according to the total number of votes cast for each nominee. The Agreement prescribes that a majority of the producer members of the Committee shall not otherwise be engaged in the handling of leafy green vegetables or the manufacturing of fresh-cut, packaged leafy green products. Furthermore, at least four handler members must be engaged in the manufacturing of fresh-cut leafy green products.

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3. Certify that you are eligible to nominate by signing and dating the form and completing the required information. §970.28(b)(1) Only persons eligible to serve on the Committee shall be eligible to nominate and vote for committee members and alternate members. §970.28(b)(3) Each producer or handler shall have but one vote, and may vote in only one zone in which he or she is a producer or handler.
4. The completed nomination must be postmarked no later than xx/xx/xxxx to be valid. Submission of the nomination form must be postmarked, faxed, or hand delivered to: xx--USDA-AMS-F&V, Address, City, State, Zip (xxx) xxx-xxxx, Fax (xxx) xxx-xxxx.

DEFINITIONS

§970.26 ELIGIBILITY. Each producer or handler member of the Committee and alternate member shall be, at the time of his or her selection and throughout his or her term of office, a producer or a handler, or an officer or employee of a producer or handler in the zone for which selected. The retail, foodservice, importer, and public members and alternate members may not be engaged in a proprietary capacity in the production or handling of leafy green vegetables. The retail, foodservice and importer members and alternates shall be, at the time of their selection and throughout their term of office, an owner, officer, or employee for the seat selected.

§970.17 PRODUCER is synonymous with grower and means any person engaged in a proprietary capacity in the production of leafy green vegetables for sale or delivery to a signatory of this agreement.

§970.11 HANDLER means any person who handles; *Provided*, that, this definition does not include a retailer, a foodservice distributor or outlet, or a fresh produce broker, except to the extent that such a person is otherwise engaged in handling.

§970.10 HANDLE means to receive, acquire, sell, process, ship, distribute, or import leafy green vegetables in their natural form, including both raw agricultural commodities and fresh cut, packaged products; *Provided*, that handle does not include the act of brokering the purchase or sale of leafy green vegetables whether for the purpose of manufacturing fresh-cut leafy green packaged products or not. This definition does not include retail sales or the act of selling by a retailer or foodservice distributor or outlet.

§970.14 MANUFACTURE is synonymous with process and means to change fresh leafy green vegetables from their natural form into fresh-cut, packaged products; *Provided*, that manufacture does not apply to retailer or foodservice distributor or operator except to the extent that such a person is otherwise engaged in manufacturing for non-retail purposes.

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**HANDLER MEMBERS NOMINATION FORM
(See attached instructions)**

Handler Position	Name	Company	Phone
Handler Member			
Handler Member			
Handler Member			
Handler Member			

CERTIFICATION:

I certify that I or my employer is a signatory to Marketing Agreement 970 and currently handles Leafy Greens and that I am eligible to nominate the above candidate(s).

Signature		Date	
First Name		Last Name	
Firm Name		Phone	

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 xxxx-xxxx. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 10 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.

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