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<p><b>Office of the Deputy Administrator</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv">www.ams.usda.gov/fv</a></p>	<p><i>USDA AMS Fruit and Vegetable Program provides customized solutions to enhance the value and quality of our client’s fresh produce and processed products. We offer a full range of quality assurance and audit verification services providing our clients and their customers with confidence that products are grown, processed, and distributed under the most favorable conditions.</i></p> <p><b>Our services are delivered via a nationwide network of trained and experienced USDA employees and state partners. Our clients include growers, shippers, brokers, receivers, distributors, processors, retailers, and restaurants.</b></p>	<p>Charles Parrott, Deputy Administrator, (202) 720-4722, <a href="mailto:charles.parrott@ams.usda.gov">charles.parrott@ams.usda.gov</a></p> <p>Bruce Summers, Associate Deputy Administrator, (202) 690-0262, <a href="mailto:bruce.summers@ams.usda.gov">bruce.summers@ams.usda.gov</a></p> <p>Christopher Purdy, Business Development, (202) 720-3209, <a href="mailto:christopher.purdy@ams.usda.gov">christopher.purdy@ams.usda.gov</a></p>
<p><b>Specialty Crop Inspection Division</b>  <b>Fresh Products</b></p>    <p><a href="http://www.ams.usda.gov/freshinspection">www.ams.usda.gov/freshinspection</a></p> <p><b>Processed Products</b></p>   <p><a href="http://www.ams.usda.gov/processedinspection">www.ams.usda.gov/processedinspection</a></p>	<p>Serving the fresh, processed and fresh-cut fruit and vegetable Industry with...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fresh and processed produce quality/condition inspection and grading services.</li> <li>• Audit-based solutions to enhance food safety practices, including Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) for growers, Good Handling Practices (GHP) for packers, shippers, and distributors of fresh produce and Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) for processor’s and fresh-cut operations.</li> <li>• Quality Monitoring Program (QMP) to verify supplier contract compliance.</li> <li>• Identity Preservation Program for clients with unique, value-added products.</li> <li>• Food Defense Surveys to verify a farm, packing house or processor food defense program.</li> <li>• The Qualified through Verification (QTV) program to assist food processors enhance their hazard analysis critical control point (HACCP) plan to ensure its continual effectiveness through unannounced audits.</li> <li>• U.S. Grade Standards.</li> <li>• Industry training.</li> </ul>	<p>Lorenzo Tribbett, Division Director, (202) 720-2011 <a href="mailto:lorenzo.tribbett@ams.usda.gov">lorenzo.tribbett@ams.usda.gov</a></p> <p>John Lund, Business Development, (202) 720-4938, <a href="mailto:john.lund@ams.usda.gov">john.lund@ams.usda.gov</a></p>
<p><b>Market News Division</b></p>  <p><a href="http://www.marketnews.usda.gov/portal/fv">www.marketnews.usda.gov/portal/fv</a></p>	<p>Collects and disseminates detailed information on market conditions for hundreds of agricultural commodities at major domestic and international wholesale markets, production areas, and ports of entry.</p> <p>Price and shipment data and related services.</p>	<p>Terry Long, Division Director, (202) 720-2175, <a href="mailto:terry.long@ams.usda.gov">terry.long@ams.usda.gov</a></p> <p>John Okoniewski, Deputy Director, (202) 720-9932, <a href="mailto:john.okoniewski@ams.usda.gov">john.okoniewski@ams.usda.gov</a></p>



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<p><b>Marketing Order Administration Division</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.ams.usda.gov/moab">www.ams.usda.gov/moab</a></p>	<p>Administration of Marketing Orders and Agreements.</p> <p>Marketing orders and agreements (1) maintain the high quality of produce that is on the market; (2) standardize packages and containers; (3) regulate the flow of product to market; (4) establish reserve pools for storable commodities; and (5) authorize production research, marketing research and development, and advertising.</p>	<p>Michael Durando, Division Director, (202) 720-2491, <a href="mailto:michael.durando@ams.usda.gov">michael.durando@ams.usda.gov</a></p> <p>Laurel May, Deputy Director, (202) 720-9922, <a href="mailto:laurel.may@ams.usda.gov">laurel.may@ams.usda.gov</a></p>
<p><b>Economic Analysis and Program Planning Division</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.ams.usda.gov/fvpromotion">www.ams.usda.gov/fvpromotion</a></p>	<p>Administration of nationwide research and promotion programs for the fresh fruit and vegetable industry.</p> <p>Authorized by federal legislation, Research and Promotion Programs are designed to strengthen the position of the industry in the marketplace and to maintain and expand domestic and foreign markets. The programs are all fully funded by industry assessments.</p> <p>Analysis of economic information and programs related to federal food purchase and other programs.</p>	<p>Sonia Jimenez, Division Director, (202) 720-9915, <a href="mailto:sonia.jimenez@ams.usda.gov">sonia.jimenez@ams.usda.gov</a></p> <p>Marlene Betts, Deputy Director, 202-720-5057, <a href="mailto:marlene.betts@ams.usda.gov">marlene.betts@ams.usda.gov</a></p>
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