

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE FOR PISTACHIOS
FEDERAL MARKETING ORDER 983
OFFICIAL BALLOT MATERIAL**

«First_Name» «Last_Name»
«Producer_Name»
«Street1»
«City», «State» «Zip»

PRODUCER BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS

DISTRICT BALLOT: The reverse side of this document is the ballot for the district in which you produce pistachios (contact the Committee office if your production area is in a different district).

The ballot has the list of candidates running for a position in this district. Vote for the candidate(s) of your choice, and/or write in the candidate(s) name(s) of your choice in the spaces provided, up to the maximum number of votes allowed as indicated on the ballot.

The candidate(s) receiving the highest number of votes shall be the member nominee(s), and the next highest votes shall be the alternate member nominee(s). In case of a tie vote, the nominee(s) shall be selected by a drawing.

VOTER ELIGIBILITY: The Administrative Committee for Pistachios has producer members and member alternates that represent four districts. Only producers (individuals, partnerships, LLCs, corporations, trust, association, or any other business unit), including duly authorized officers or employees of producers, shall participate in the election of producer members and alternate producer members of the Committee.

VOTING RESTRICTIONS: No producer shall participate in the election of Committee members in more than one district. If a producer commercially produces pistachios during the current production year in more than one district, the producer must vote in the same district in which he or she participated in the nomination process previously conducted. If the producer did not participate in the nominations process, he or she may choose which district in which to vote.

VOTING PERIOD: _____,20__ through _____,20__

BALLOT CERTIFICATION: Print your name and title (if applicable) and certify your eligibility to vote by signing and dating the ballot. Ballots without a signature will not be counted.

Ballots must be signed and received by _____,20__ (postmarked, faxed, or delivered) to be counted.

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ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE FOR PISTACHIOS

DISTRICT __ BALLOT

VOTING DEADLINE

District __ consists of _____. **You must be a producer of pistachios in District __ to vote on this ballot.** If producer grows pistachios in more than one district, choose one district in which to vote. Ballots will not be counted if producer votes in multiple districts.

District __ has __ producer member and __ alternate producer member positions to be filled for a two-year term that begins __, 20__ **You may vote for (insert number of member positions) candidate(s); ballot will not be counted if checked names exceed this number.** Check (✓) the candidate(s) of your choice and/or submit write-in candidates†.

____ Candidate One	____ Candidate Two
____ Candidate Three	____ Candidate Four
____ Candidate Five	____ Candidate Six
____ Write-In Candidate	____ Write-In Candidate
____ *Contact Info (phone, email)	____ *Contact Info (phone, email)
____ *Contact information needed for write-in candidates	

†Candidate statements available at www.acpistachios.org

CERTIFICATION OF VOTER ELIGIBILITY (only ballots certified with a signature will be counted)

I certify I or my employer currently produce(s) pistachios for market in **District __**, and that I have voted in only one district in this election process. If I am casting a ballot on behalf of my employer, I certify that I have authority to do so.

Producer Name_____
Producer Tax ID_____
Print Your Name_____
Signature_____
Date_____
Title (if voting on behalf of a corporation, estate or trust)

Mail, email, or fax your ballot by _____, 20__ (ballots not received or postmarked by this date will not be counted):

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If you need more information, contact the ACP office (559-255-6480) or visit the ACP website www.acpistachios.org.

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