

# 986 Pecans

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## **Nomination Process of Initial Council Members-Shellers**

[Here](#) you will find the nomination form to be used to nominate initial sheller members and alternates to serve a four year term of office on the American Pecan Council (Council). The Council will work with USDA in administering the Federal Marketing Order No. 986 regulating pecans grown in the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Texas.

The Council aims to be a representative of the industry and USDA strongly encourages the nomination of women, minorities, persons with a disability, small business owners, and any other underrepresented persons in the pecan industry who would be willing to serve as a council member for the four year term of office ending September 30, 2020.

Nominations will be accepted from **August 18, 2016 through September 6, 2016**. All nominations must be received no later than **September 6, 2016**. Nominees will be listed on an official ballot, which will then be distributed to industry members to cast their vote.

## **Instructions for the Form**

Please complete the nomination form by filling in all blank sections, including: providing the name of the nominated sheller, your name and signature, and one additional name and respective signature of a sheller in support of the nomination. A sheller is entitled to nominate him or herself. If a sheller is engaged in handling in more than one region, such sheller shall nominate in the region in which they shelled the largest volume in the preceding fiscal year.-

When indicating the nominated sheller's volume, please consider only that volume produced in the U.S.

To facilitate the selection process, nominees are requested to submit a background statement during the nomination period. The background statement can be found [here](#). Once the nomination and background form are completed, return to USDA at the address or email listed below.

## **Mail or E-mail Completed Forms to**

American Pecan Council  
c/o Southeast Marketing Field Office  
Marketing Order and Agreement Division  
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Winter Haven, Florida, 33880

Or by email to [Jennie.Varela@ams.usda.gov](mailto:Jennie.Varela@ams.usda.gov).