

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
 SPECIALTY CROPS PROGRAM

**CONFIDENTIAL CALIFORNIA WALNUT BOARD NOMINEE QUESTIONNAIRE
 GROWER AND HANDLER MEMBERS**

NOTE: This information will be used by the Secretary of Agriculture in selecting grower and handler members and alternates to serve on the California Walnut Board (Board) under Marketing Order No. 984 (Order). Statutory authority to obtain this information is provided in 7 U.S.C. 608.

1. Name: _____
2. (a) Residence: _____
(Street, City, State, and Zip Code)
 (b) Mailing Address: *(if same, so state)* _____
(Street, City, State, and Zip Code)
 (c) Telephone Number: (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____
 (d) E-mail Address: _____
3. (a) Number of years of experience in the walnut industry: _____
4. (a) Have you previously served on the California Walnut Board? yes no If yes, how many years? _____
5. (a) Are you a producer of walnuts? yes no
 (c) If yes, state acreage of the English varieties of walnuts you own or lease: _____ acres
 (d) Is your operation certified organic? yes no
6. (a) Did you produce walnuts during the current year? yes no
 (b) If 6(a) is "yes," state kernelweight pounds of the English varieties of walnuts you produced: _____ pounds. Of these, how many kernelweight pounds (if any) were organic? _____ pounds
7. If you are a walnut producer, employee, or officer of a walnut producer, state the name of your handler: _____
8. If you are a walnut handler, employee, or officer of a walnut handler, state the following:
 (a) Name of the handler(s): _____
 (b) Your title and capacity: _____
 (c) Number of years experience in the position: _____
 (d) Please state the kernelweight poundage of the English varieties of walnuts handled by your firm during the current crop year: _____ pounds
9. When acting in my official capacity as a Board representative, I shall engage in only those activities that are authorized under the Order. I also understand that the Board cannot become involved in lobbying and political activities.
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11. I hereby certify that I am willing to serve as a member or alternate member on the Board if selected by the Secretary of Agriculture.

 Type or print name as signed

 Signature

 Date

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