

American Pecan Council
 c/o Southeast Marketing Field Office
 Marketing Order and Agreement Division
 1124 First Street South
 Winter Haven, Florida 33880

**SHELLER NOMINATION FORM
 PROPOSED CANDIDATE TO BE INCLUDED ON THE
 AMERICAN PECAN COUNCIL SHELLER NOMINATION BALLOT**

Each region shall be represented by two sheller seats on the Council. One seat shall be allocated to a sheller handling more than 12.5 million pounds of inshell pecans. The other will be allocated to a sheller producing less than or equal to 12.5 million pounds of inshell pecans in the year preceding nomination. Proposed candidates will be listed on the nomination ballot sent to all shellers.

Eastern Region consists of: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina
Central Region consists of: Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas
Western Region consists of: Arizona, California, New Mexico

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.

The undersigned are eligible to submit nominations pursuant to section 986.46 of Marketing Order No. 986 (Order), and hereby petition the American Pecan Council (Council) to include on the nominating ballot the name of:

NAME OF SHELLER NOMINEE (as should appear on the ballot)	EMAIL	PHONE
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ADDRESS		
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CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

as a candidate for the position of Sheller Member to represent the _____ Region for the 2016-2020 term of office as set forth in the Order.

Sheller nominee handled (shelled) more than 12.5 million pounds of inshell pecans in the preceeding year or less than or equal to 12.5 million pounds of inshell pecan in the preceding year (check one).

SHELLER'S NAME (print clearly)	SIGNATURE*	ADDRESS/PHONE/EMAIL
(nominator)		
(supporter)		

***Signature certifies that I (or my business entity) shelled more than 1 million pounds of inshell pecans during the previous year in the region of which I am nominating or supporting a nomination.**

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THIS PETITION MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 6, 2016 IN ORDER TO BE VALID.

Please mail the completed form to:

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or email to Jennie.Varela@ams.usda.gov

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