

**CHERRY
INDUSTRY
ADMINISTRATIVE
BOARD**

**GROWER/HANDLER
MEMBER/ALTERNATE BALLOT**

TO TART CHERRY GROWERS/HANDLERS IN _____.

All tart cherry growers and handlers recently had the opportunity to nominate eligible individuals of their choice for membership on the Cherry Administrative Board for the staggered, three-year term of office ending on _____. Attached are voting instructions and eligibility requirements; a ballot; and a list of current grower/handler nominees for Districts _____.

Please read the attached directions carefully and submit your completed ballot to the Cherry Industry Administrative Board in DeWitt, MI, by the close of business on _____.

NOMINATION BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS
CHERRY INDUSTRY ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD
MEMBER AND ALTERNATE MEMBER POSITIONS

1. Refer to page 4 for the list of current nominees (positions and districts noted) for the current nomination and election process.
2. Vote only for the proper member(s) for the district in which you are eligible to participate as indicated in (3) and (4) below. The attached list shows the nominees by district as well as the number and type of positions vacant in each district. Space on the ballot is also provided for write-in candidates.
3. **GROWERS:** Except as provided in (5) below, only growers, including duly authorized officers or employees of growers, who are eligible to serve as grower members of the Board shall participate in the election of grower members and alternate grower members of the Board. No grower shall participate in the election of Board members in more than one district during any fiscal period. If a grower produces cherries in more than one district, the grower must vote in the same district in which he or she chose to participate in the nominations process, he or she may select in which district he or she wishes to vote and shall notify the Secretary or the Board of such selection. By certifying your eligibility to cast the attached ballot, you are thus satisfying such notification requirement.
4. **HANDLERS:** Except as provided in (5) below, only handlers, including duly authorized officers or employees of handlers, who are eligible to serve as handler members of the Board shall participate in the election of Board members in more than one district during any fiscal period. If a handler does handle cherries in more than one district, he or she must vote in the same district in which the handler elected to participate in the nominations process under section 930.23(b)(4). However, if a handler did not participate in the nominations process, that handler may select in which district he or she chooses to vote and shall notify the Secretary or the Board of such selection. If a person is a grower and a grower-handler only because some or all of his or her cherries were custom packed, but he or she does not own or lease and operate a processing facility, such person may vote only as a grower.
5. In Districts _____, growers and handlers may vote for either the grower or handler nominee(s) for the single seat allocated to those districts.
6. Mark the box for the position for which you are voting and write in the candidate(s) name(s) from the list on page 4, or from other eligible individuals of your choice, in the appropriate space. For each member you vote for, you may also vote for an alternate member.
7. In the spaces provide, print your name, address, and telephone number.
8. Certify that you are eligible to cast this ballot by signing and dating the ballot.
9. The completed ballot must be received by the CIAB no later than _____. Submission of the ballot may be by mail delivery, hand delivery, or facsimile transmission.

Return Ballot To:
CHERRY INDUSTRY ADMINSTRATIVE BOARD
12800 ESCANABA DRIVE, SUITE A
DEWITT, MI 44820-0388
TEL: (863) 324-3375
FAX: (863) 291-8614

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CHERRY INDUSTRY ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD
GROWER/HANDLER MEMBER AND ALTERNATE MEMBER
NOMINATION BALLOT
(See attached instructions)

INDICATE THE DISTRICT IN WHICH YOU ARE VOTING: DISTRICT: _____

CAST YOUR VOTE BY CHECKING THE APPROPRIATE BOXES AND WRITING IN THE NOMINEE'S NAME(S) OF YOUR CHOICE:

_____ **MEMBER**

ALTERNATE _____ **MEMBER**

_____ **WRITE-IN**
 _____ **PHONE NO:** _____
 _____ **PHONE NO:** _____

ALTERNATE _____ **WRITE-IN**
 _____ **PHONE NO:** _____
 _____ **PHONE NO:** _____

(Print Your Name and Firm's Name)

(Street Address) (City)

(State) (Zip Code) (Telephone Number)

I certify that I or my employer currently produce or handle tart cherries in the district indicated above and that I have not participated nor am I voting in the current nomination and election process in any other district or capacity.

(Signature) (Date)

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GROWER/HANDLER NOMINEE LIST
<u>DISTRICT</u> - Pick <u>names from each category:</u>
_____ Member Nominees:

Alternate _____ Member Nominees:

<u>DISTRICT (_____) - Pick <u>names from each category:</u></u>
_____ Member Nominees:

Alternate _____ Member Nominees:

<u>DISTRICT (_____) - Pick <u>name from each category:</u></u>
_____ Member Nominees:

Alternate _____ Member Nominees:

<u>DISTRICT (_____) - Pick <u>name from each category:</u></u>
_____ Member Nominees:

Alternate _____ Member Nominees:

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