

Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

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time by the Secretary or his authorized agent or representative;

(g) To make available to producers and handlers the committee voting record on recommended regulations and on other matters of policy;

(h) At the beginning of each fiscal year, to submit to the Secretary a budget of its expenses for such fiscal year, together with a report thereon;

(i) To cause the books of the committee to be audited by a competent accountant at least once each fiscal year, and at such other time as the committee may deem necessary or as the Secretary may request. The report of such audit shall show the receipt and expenditure of funds collected pursuant to this subpart; a copy of each such report shall be furnished to the Secretary and a copy of each such report shall be made available at the principal office of the committee for inspection by producers and handlers; and

(j) To consult, cooperate, and exchange information with the other potato marketing committees and other individuals or agencies in connection with all proper committee activities and objectives under this subpart.

§ 946.30 Expenses and compensation.

Committee members and their respective alternates when acting on committee business shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses necessarily incurred by them in the performance of their duties and in the exercise of their powers under this subpart. In addition, they may receive reasonable compensation at a rate recommended by the committee and approved by the Secretary.

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§ 946.31 Districts.

(a) For the purpose of determining the basis for selecting committee members, the following districts of the production area are hereby initially established:

District No. 1. The counties of Chelan, Okanogan, Grant, Douglas, Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Lincoln, and Adams;

District No. 2. Kittitas County;

District No. 3. The counties of Yakima and Klickitat;

District No. 4. The counties of Benton, Franklin, Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield, Asotin, and Whitman; and

District No. 5. All of the remaining counties in the State of Washington, not included in Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 of this paragraph.

(b) The Secretary, upon the recommendation of the committee, may reestablish districts within the production area and may reapportion committee membership among the various districts: *Provided*, That in recommending any such changes in districts or representation, the committee shall give consideration to: (1) The relative importance of new areas of production; (2) changes in the relative position, with respect to production of existing districts; (3) the geographic location of production areas as it would affect the efficiency of administering the marketing agreement and order; and (4) other relevant factors: *Provided further*, That there shall be no change in the total number of committee members or in the total number of districts.

§ 946.32 Nomination.

The Secretary may select the members of the State of Washington Potato Committee and their respective alternates from nominations which may be made in the following manner, or from among such other qualified persons:

(a) A meeting or meetings of producers and handlers shall be held by the committee in each district for which nominees are to be selected not later than May 1 of each year to designate nominees for members and alternates to the committee; or the committee may conduct nominations by mail in a manner recommended by the committee and approved by the Secretary; and, in arranging for such meetings, the committee may, if it deems desirable, utilize the services and facilities of other existing organizations;

(b) At least one nominee shall be designated for each position as member and for each position as alternate member on the committee which is vacant, or which is to become vacant the following July 1;

(c) The names of nominees shall be supplied to the Secretary in such manner and form as he may prescribe, not later than June 1 of each year, or by