

## Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

## § 998.18

of peanuts and in the shipment (except as a common or contract carrier of peanuts owned by another) or sale of cleaned inshell or shelled peanuts or other activity causing peanuts to enter the current of commerce: *Provided*, That this term does not include sales or deliveries of peanuts by a producer to a handler or to an intermediary person engaged in delivering peanuts to handler(s) and *Provided further*, That this term does not include sales or deliveries of peanuts by such intermediary person(s) to a handler.

### § 998.8 Handler.

*Handler* means any person who handles peanuts, in a capacity other than that of a custom cleaner or dryer, an assembler, a warehouseman or other intermediary between the producer and the person handling, and who is a party to this agreement.

### § 998.9 Crop year.

*Crop year* is synonymous with *fiscal year* and means the 12-month period beginning with July 1 of any year and ending with June 30 of the following year.

### § 998.10 Production areas.

*Production areas* mean (a) The Southeastern Area consisting of the States of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, and that part of South Carolina south and west of the Santee-Congaree-Broad Rivers.

(b) The Southwestern Area consisting of the States of Arizona, Arkansas, California, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.

(c) The Virginia-Carolina Area consisting of the States of Missouri, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and that part of South Carolina north and east of the Santee-Congaree-Broad Rivers.

### § 998.11 Area association.

*Area association* means for the Southeastern area, GFA Peanut Association, Camilla, Georgia; Southwestern area, Southwestern Peanut Growers Association, Gorman, Texas; and Virginia-Carolina area, Peanut Growers Cooperative Marketing Association, Franklin, Virginia.

## PEANUT ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

### § 998.15 Establishment and membership.

A Peanut Administrative Committee (hereinafter referred to as committee) is hereby established to administer the terms and provisions of this agreement. Such committee shall consist of 18 members of whom 9 shall represent producers and 9 shall represent handlers. The producer representation shall be 3 for the Southeastern area, 3 for the Southwestern area, and 3 for the Virginia-Carolina area of which one of the 3 in each production area shall represent the respective area association. The handler representation shall also be 3 for each of the designated areas. For each member there shall be an alternate member.

### § 998.16 Eligibility.

Each producer member of the committee and alternate member, shall be, at the time of his selection and during his term of office, a producer, or an officer or employee of an area association, in the area for which selected and shall cease to be a member or alternate upon engaging in the handling of peanuts either in a proprietary capacity or as a director, officer, or employee of other than a cooperative association. Each handler member of the committee, and his alternate, shall be, at the time of his selection, a handler or an officer or employee of a handler in the area for which selected and shall throughout his term of office so continue to be a handler.

### § 998.17 Term of office.

Members and alternate members of the committee shall serve for terms of 3 years ending on April 30 but initial members and alternates shall be selected for terms of 1, 2, or 3 years so that one-third of the producer and handler representatives in each area may be replaced each year. Each member and alternate member shall continue to serve until his successor is selected and has qualified.

### § 998.18 Initial committee.

The initial members of the committee and their respective alternates shall be as follows: