

Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

§ 946.25

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

§ 946.22 Establishment and membership.

(a) The State of Washington Potato Committee consisting of fifteen members, of whom ten shall be producers and five shall be handlers, is hereby established. For each member of the committee there shall be an alternate who shall have the same qualifications as the member.

(b) The Secretary, upon recommendation of the committee, may reestablish districts, may reapportion members among districts, may change the number of members and alternate members, and may change the composition by changing the ratio of members, including their alternates. In recommending any such changes, the following shall be considered:

- (1) Shifts in acreage within districts and within the production area during recent years;
- (2) The importance of new production in its relation to existing districts;
- (3) The equitable relationship between committee apportionment and districts; and
- (4) Other relevant factors.

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§ 946.23 Alternate members.

(a) An alternate member of the committee shall act in the place and stead of the member for whom he is an alternate, during such member's absence. In the event of the death, removal, resignation, or disqualification of a member, his alternate shall act for him until a successor of such member is selected and has qualified.

(b) In the event that both a member and his or her alternate are unable to attend a Committee meeting, the member, the alternate member, or the Committee members present, in that order, may designate another alternate of the same classification (handler or producer) to serve in such member's place and stead.

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§ 946.24 Procedure.

(a) Sixty percent of the committee members shall constitute a quorum and a concurring vote of 60 percent of the committee members will be required to pass any motion or approve any committee action.

(b) The quorum and voting requirements of paragraph (a) of this section shall not apply to the designation of temporary alternates as provided in § 946.23.

(c) The committee may provide for meetings by telephone, telegraph, or other means of communication and any vote cast at such a meeting shall be confirmed promptly in writing: *Provided*, That if any assembled meeting is held, all votes shall be cast in person.

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§ 946.25 Selection.

(a) Persons selected as committee members or alternates to represent producers shall be individuals who are producers of fresh potatoes in the respective district for which selected, or officers or employees of a corporate producer in such district. Such individuals must also have produced potatoes for the fresh market for at least three out of the five years prior to nomination.

(b) Persons selected as committee members or alternates to represent handlers shall be individuals who are handlers in the State of Washington, or officers or employees of a corporate handler in the aforesaid State, and such persons shall be residents of the State of Washington.

(c) The Secretary shall select committee membership so that, during each fiscal period, each district, as designated in § 946.31, will be represented as follows:

- (1) District No. 1—Three producer members and one handler member;
- (2) District No. 2—Two producer members and one handler member;
- (3) District No. 3—Two producer members and one handler member;
- (4) District No. 4—Two producer members and one handler member;