

## Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

## § 966.26

according to those definitive characteristics now or hereafter recognized by the United States Department of Agriculture.

### § 966.15 Committee.

*Committee* means the Florida Tomato Committee, established pursuant to § 966.22.

### § 966.16 Fiscal period.

*Fiscal period* means the period beginning August 1 and ending July 31 following.

### § 966.17 District.

*District* means each one of the geographic divisions of the production area initially established pursuant to § 966.24, or as reestablished pursuant to § 966.25.

### § 966.18 Export.

*Export* means shipment of tomatoes beyond the boundaries of the 48 contiguous States (including the District of Columbia) of the United States.

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## COMMITTEE

### § 966.22 Establishment and membership.

(a) The Florida Tomato Committee, consisting of 12 producer members, is hereby established. For each member of the committee there shall be an alternate who shall have the same qualifications as the member.

(b) Each person selected as a committee member or alternate shall be an individual who is a producer, or an officer or an employee of a corporate producer, in the district for which selected and a resident of the production area.

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### § 966.23 Term of office.

(a) The term of office of committee members, and their respective alternates, shall be for 1 year and shall begin as of August 1 and end as of July 31.

(b) Committee members and alternates shall serve during the term of office for which they are selected and have qualified, or during that portion thereof beginning on the date on which

they qualify during such term of office and continuing until the end thereof, and until their successors are selected and have qualified.

### § 966.24 Districts.

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 Broward and Dade in the State of Florida;

*District No. 2.* The counties of Brevard, Glades, Indian River, Martin, Osceola, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie in the State of Florida;

*District No. 3.* The counties of Charlotte, Collier, Hendry, Lee, and Monroe in the State of Florida; and

*District No. 4.* The counties of De Soto, Hardee, Highlands, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pinellas, Polk, and Sarasota in the State of Florida.

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### § 966.25 Redistricting.

The committee may recommend, and pursuant thereto, the Secretary may approve, the reapportionment of members among districts, and the reestablishment of districts within the production area. In recommending any such changes, the committee shall give consideration to: (a) Shifts in tomato acreage within districts and within the production area during recent years; (b) the importance of new production in its relation to existing districts; (c) the equitable relationship of committee membership and districts; (d) economies to result for producers in promoting efficient administration due to redistricting or reapportionment of members within districts; and (e) other relevant factors. No change in districting or in apportionment of members within districts may become effective within less than 30 days prior to the date on which terms of office begin each year and no recommendations for such redistricting or reapportionment may be made less than six months prior to such date.

### § 966.26 Selection.

The Secretary shall select initially 3 members of the committee with their