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USDA Appoints New Board Members to the National Mango Board
New leadership at the NMB to begin terms January 1, 2017

Orlando, Fla. (September 12, 2016) – Agriculture Secretary Tom J. Vilsack has appointed six members to serve the National Mango Board (NMB). The appointees include four new members and two returning members. Appointees will serve three-year terms beginning January 1, 2017 and ending on December 31, 2019.

The newly appointed board members include importers: Chris Ciruli of Tubac, AZ; Jiovani Guevara of Phoenix, AZ; and Marsela Mcgrane-Vogel of San Pedro, CA. Also appointed are foreign producers: Norberto Galvan of Tapachula, Mexico; Joaquin Balarezo of Piura, Peru; and Eddy Martinez of Guatemala City, Guatemala. Mr. Ciruli and Mr. Guevara are returning to the board to serve a second consecutive term.

The NMB thanks those members who have completed their term on the board for their service to the mango industry. They are: Jorge Perez of Sinaloa, Mexico; Reynaldo Hilbck of Piura, Peru; Altamir Martins of Fortaleza, Brazil; and Sergio Palala of San Carlos, CA.

“We would like to thank the NMB members that will be completing their term this year for serving on the board and for representing the mango industry. The knowledge and expertise they bring to the NMB truly makes a difference and drives the success and growth of our industry,” stated Manuel Michel, Executive Director of the NMB. “The NMB also extends a welcome to those members who have just been appointed to serve on the board during the 2017-2019 term. We look forward to working with them to develop new strategies and projects that will continue to support the industry and increase mango awareness and consumption.”

About the National Mango Board

The [National Mango Board](http://mango.org) is an agriculture promotion group supported by assessments from both domestic and imported mangos. The board’s vision, to bring the world’s love of mangos to the U.S., was designed to drive awareness and consumption of fresh mangos in the U.S. marketplace. One cup of the superfruit mango contains 100 calories, 100% of daily vitamin C, 35% of daily vitamin A, 12% of daily fiber, and an amazing source of tropical flavor. Learn more at mango.org.