



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON NOMINATIONS

1. Which positions are available for the current nominations?

The following positions are available:

- Domestic producer: 1
- First Handler: 1
- Importers (District I): 2
- Foreign producers: 2

2. How is voting for first handler, domestic producers, and importers going to be made?

Voting will be made by mail ballot.

3. Is there a deadline submit candidates' names to the NMB?

*Yes. The deadline for candidates' names to be received at the NMB's office is **May 6, 2009**.*

4. Who is eligible to vote for first handlers, domestic producers and importers?

First handler

- All known first handlers

Domestic producers

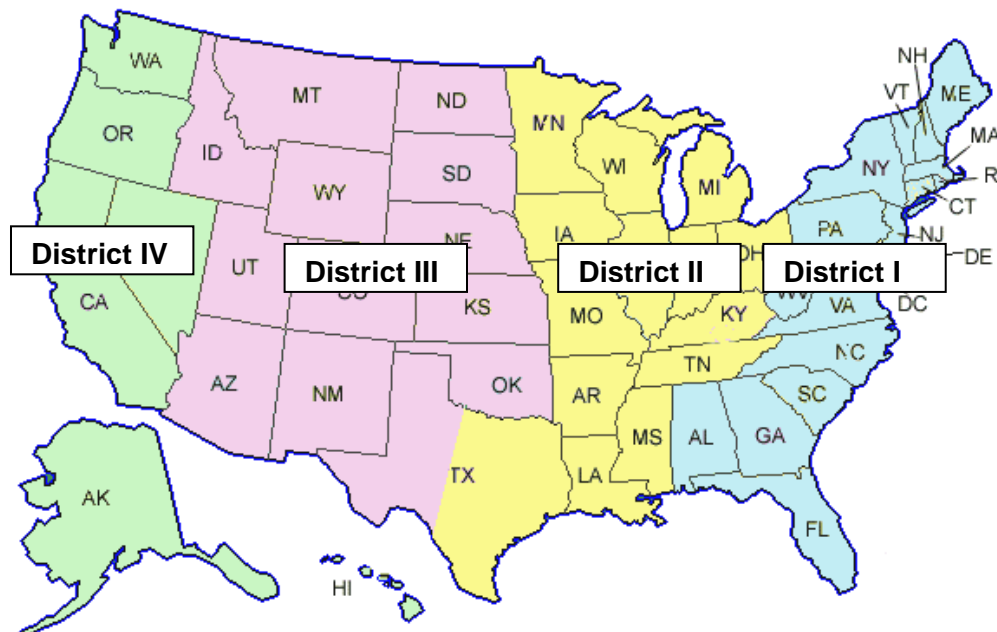
- All known domestic producers

Importers

- All known importers of District I

5. What areas include the NMB Districts?

These areas represent the U.S. Customs Districts.



- 6. How is the voting process for domestic producers, first handler and importers going to be conducted?**
- *NMB staff will send Nomination Packets to all known domestic producers, first handlers and importers in District I*
 - *After receiving nominations from industry members, NMB staff will send mail ballots, listing the candidates in alphabetical order*
 - *For each position, the nominee who receives the highest number of votes and the nominee who receives the second highest number of votes will be the nominees' names to be submitted to the Secretary and in this order. i.e. in the current nominations, two names will be submitted for domestic producers, two names will be submitted to first handlers and four names will be submitted for importers in District I*
 - *NMB staff will send Background Forms to these nominees.*
 - *NMB staff will submit the number of votes and Background Information forms for each candidate to the Secretary*
 - *Out of the two nominees' names submitted for each position, the Secretary will appoint the NMB member, i.e. in the current nominations, one domestic producer, one first handler and two importers for District I.*
- 7. How is the process for foreign producers going to be conducted?**
- *NMB staff will solicit the names of nominees from known organizations of the major mango producing countries exporting to the U.S.*
 - *Organizations of each country will submit two nominees' names for each position, i.e. in the current nominations, each organization will submit four nominees' names*
 - *NMB staff will submit the names of all candidates to the Secretary*
 - *Out the candidates submitted, the Secretary will appoint two NMB members*
- 8. Can a company that has office locations in different Districts vote in each District?**
Yes. For example, if a company operates in both District III and District IV, the company may cast votes for both District III and District I.
- 9. Can a company that has office locations in different Districts submit one nominee for each one of the Districts?**
Yes.
- 10. Can a company that has office location(s) in only one District submit more than one nominee?**
Yes.
- 11. In the instances an industry member performs multiple tasks, for example, domestic producer, first handler and importer, can this industry member be nominated for all the three (3) categories?**
Yes, they can nominate themselves and/or be nominated by their peers to all three (3) categories if they meet the eligibility requirements.
- 12. What are the roles and responsibilities of a board member?**

NMB ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Understand and comply with the Commodity Promotion, Research, and Information Act of 1996 (Act), the Mango Promotion, Research, and Information Order (Order), rules and regulations, and USDA guidelines.

2. Dedicated to the mission, goals, and objectives of the Mango Board (Board). Represent the members of the mango industry.
 - a. Act as ambassador of the NMB
 - i. Speak on behalf of the NMB
 - ii. Represent NMB to peers
3. Serve the industry impartially, making decisions based on the welfare of the industry as a whole rather than on personal or business considerations. To ensure fair and equal treatment of all industry peers in market promotion and research programs.
4. Regularly attend the Mango Board meetings and come prepared to discuss the issues and business to be addressed.
5. Select Board officers, committees, and subcommittees at the start of each fiscal period or at other appropriate times.
6. Appoint an executive committee and delegate authority to administer duties under Board direction and within Board policies.
7. Develop Board policies, bylaws and procedures for approval by USDA for Board implementation, and recommend amendments to rules and regulations under the Order, as necessary.
8. Ensure staff compliance with the Act, Order, rules and regulations, bylaws, Board policies and procedures, and USDA policies.
9. Develop programs and projects to carry out the mission of the Board (use a fiscal year marketing plan) and forward to USDA for approval prior to implementation. Enter into contracts or agreements to develop and carry out approved programs and projects. Secure USDA approval prior to implementation of contracts and agreements.
10. Demonstrate fiscal responsibility by performing the following: recommend an assessment rate; prepare fiscal budgets; amend budgets as necessary; set a reserve; ensure that the staff issues monthly financial reports and accurate records of Board actions and transactions; ensure that the books of the board are audited each fiscal year; and evaluate the effectiveness of all programs and projects to assure wise stewardship of industry funds.
11. Ensure efficient and timely enforcement of the Act and Order by staff; ensure identification, investigation/audit of violators and the complete documentation of cases and a timely referral of compliance cases to USDA.
12. Assist in securing qualified candidates for membership on the Board.
13. Promote industry unity. Advise the industry of the Board's mission, goals, objectives, projects and programs. Support the programs, projects, and actions of the Board outside of its meetings.
14. Maintain the highest standard of personal and professional conduct when representing the Board. Avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts of interest.
15. Make decisions for the good of the entire industry.