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Mango board looking to fill member positions

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The National Mango Board is accepting nominations for new board members until May 6.

The next term begins on Jan. 1 and lasts three years. Members serve a maximum of six years, or two terms.

Once the board has a qualified list of candidates, the list will be submitted to the Secretary of Agriculture, who makes the final selection, according to a news release.

Open positions include:

- ▶ Domestic producer member (2);
- ▶ First handler (1);
- ▶ Importer member for District I (2);
- ▶ Foreign producer member (2).

The board must collect two nominees for each position, according to the release.

In order to qualify as a domestic producer, a person must be involved in the production and sale of mangoes in the U.S., own or share ownership and risk of loss of crop, or be engaged in producing mangoes even beyond family use and have value at first point of sale.

A first handler is not a common or contract carrier but must receive equal to or more than 500,000

pounds of mangoes within a year and ship or order mangoes to be shipped.

This member can be a buyer, seller, receiver, packer, grader, marketer or distributor of mangoes in commercial quantities, including producers who market their own mangoes, according to the release.

Importers must import 500,000 pounds or more in the U.S. in a calendar year. This includes agents, brokers and consignees, and must be listed as the importer of record.

Foreign producers engage in the production and sale of mangoes outside the U.S., and own or share ownership and risk in loss of crop for the U.S. market.

District I includes Portland, Maine; St. Albans, Vt.; Boston; Providence, R.I.; Ogdensburg, N.Y.; Buffalo, N.Y.; New York; Philadelphia; Baltimore; Norfolk, Va.; Charlotte, N.C.; Charleston, S.C.; Savannah, Ga.; Tampa, Fla.; Miami; Washington D.C.; San Juan, Puerto Rico; and the Virgin Islands.

Nominees must be involved in the mango industry and willing to perform board member duties.

For more information, contact the National Mango Board at (877) 626-4671.