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Mango board referendum set

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is required to administer a continuation referendum for the National Mango Board every five years. This means that eligible mango industry members get to decide if the program should continue.

With the board now in its fifth season, its first referendum will take place from March 15 to March 26, 2010. Importers and first handlers who handled 500,000 pounds or more of mangos in the 2008 or 2009 calendar year are eligible to vote. Everyone who is eligible to vote will receive a ballot from USDA. Ballots must be received back at the USDA by close of business March 26 to be counted.

The complete details are listed in the *Federal Register*.