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The National Mango Board has been given another five-year lease on life.



In their first referendum on the fate of the Orlando, Fla.-based board, 73% of U.S. mango industry members voted in favor of its continued existence for another five years, according to a news release from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The vote was conducted March 15-26. USDA promotion boards must undergo referendums every five years. The National Mango Board was chartered in 2004.

An estimated five first handlers and 100 importers were eligible to vote. To be eligible, importers and first handlers must have handled at least 500,000 pounds of mangoes in 2008 or 2009.

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