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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS–SC–26–0067]

#### Tart Cherries Grown in Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wisconsin; Continuance Referendum

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Referendum order.

**SUMMARY:** This document directs that a referendum be conducted among eligible tart cherry growers and processors to determine whether they favor continuance of the marketing order regulating the handling of tart cherries grown in the states of Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin.

**DATES:** The referendum will be conducted from March 30 through April 20, 2026. Only current tart cherry growers and processors who have grown or processed cherries within the production area during the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, are eligible to vote in this referendum.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the marketing order may be obtained from the office of the referendum agents at 1124 First Street South, Winter Haven, FL 33880; telephone: (863) 324–3375; or from the Docket Clerk, Market Development Division, Specialty Crops Program, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 0237, Washington, DC 20250–0237; telephone (202) 720–8085; or on the internet: <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-7/subtitle-B/chapter-IX/part-930>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steven W. Kauffman, Marketing Specialist, or Christian D. Nissen, Branch Chief, Southeast Region Branch, Market Development Division, Specialty Crops Program, AMS, USDA, 1124 First Street South, Winter Haven, FL 33880;

telephone: (863) 324–3375, or email: [Steven.Kauffman@usda.gov](mailto:Steven.Kauffman@usda.gov) or [Christian.Nissen@usda.gov](mailto:Christian.Nissen@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to Marketing Order No. 930, as amended (7 CFR part 930; the Order), and the applicable provisions of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended (7 U.S.C. 601–674) (the Act), it is hereby directed that a referendum be conducted to ascertain whether continuance of the Order is favored by tart cherry growers and processors in the states of Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin, § 930.83(d). The referendum will be conducted from March 30 through April 20, 2026, among tart cherry growers and processors in the production area. Only current tart cherry growers and processors that were engaged in the production or processing of tart cherries during the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, may participate in the continuance referendum.

USDA has determined that continuance referenda are an effective means for determining whether growers favor the continuation of marketing order programs. USDA will consider termination of the Order if less than 50 percent of the growers and processors voting in the referendum, and less than 50 percent of the tart cherry volume represented in the referendum, vote in favor of continuance. In evaluating the merits of continuance versus termination, USDA will not exclusively consider the results of the continuance referendum. USDA will also consider all other relevant information concerning the operation of the Order and relative benefits and costs to growers, processors, and consumers to determine whether continued operation of the Order would tend to effectuate the declared policy of the Act.

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), the ballot materials used in the referendum have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and have been assigned OMB No. 0581–0177, Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin. It has been estimated it will take an average of 20 minutes for each of the approximately 330 tart cherry growers and 30 processors to cast a ballot. Participation

is voluntary. Ballots postmarked after April 20, 2026, will not be included in the vote tabulation.

Steven Kauffman, Delaney Fuhrmeister, Rebecca Geller, Jennie Varela, and Christian Nissen of the Southeast Region Branch, Specialty Crops Program, AMS, USDA, are hereby designated as the referendum agents of the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct this referendum. The procedure applicable to the referendum shall be the “Procedure for the Conduct of Referenda in Connection with Marketing Orders for Fruits, Vegetables, and Nuts Pursuant to the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as Amended” (7 CFR part 900.400 *et seq.*).

Ballots and voting instructions will be sent by U.S. mail, or through electronic mail, to all tart cherry growers and processors of record and may also be obtained from the referendum agents or their appointees.

*Authority:* 7 U.S.C. 601–674.

**Erin Morris,**

*Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS–FTPP–25–0453]

#### Amendment to Certification of Oklahoma’s Central Filing System

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In response to a request from the Oklahoma County Clerk’s Office, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) has approved amendments to the State of Oklahoma’s Central Filing System. Oklahoma’s amendments transfer authority of the Central Filing System from the Oklahoma Secretary of State to the Oklahoma County Clerk. Oklahoma’s amendments will make Effective Financing Statements available for the public on the Clerk’s Office website within 48 hours of being recorded. Additionally, the Oklahoma County Clerk’s Office will create new document types within its existing UCC electronic filing system that will allow

it to accept Effective Financing Statement filings electronically.

**DATES:** This notice is applicable March 16, 2026.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Packers and Stockyards Division of the Agricultural Marketing Service administers the Clear Title Program on behalf of the Secretary of Agriculture. The Clear Title Program is authorized by section 1324 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 1631), which requires States implementing central filing system for notification of liens on farm products have such systems certified by the Secretary of Agriculture.

A list of the states with certified central filing systems is available on the AMS website at <https://www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/food-security-act/clear-title>. Farm products covered by a State's central filing system are also identified through the AMS website. The Oklahoma central filing system covers all farm products.

The Department of Agriculture originally certified the central filing system for Oklahoma on December 29, 1987 (52 FR 49056). The certification was last amended on February 5, 2001 (66 FR 13876). The Oklahoma County Clerk Office requested its certification be amended to transfer statutory authority of the central filing system for effective financing statements from the Oklahoma Secretary of State to the Oklahoma County Clerk's office.

The Oklahoma County Clerk will oversee the amended central filing system including electronic filings of effective financing statements that owners of security interests would file with the Clerk's existing Uniform Commercial Code Central Filing System. In the central filing system, filers have the option of uploading completed documents or using an online fillable form. For paper filings, documents are to be mailed to the County Clerk's office accompanied by payment. The documents are then scanned, processed and officially recorded. Each document will be assigned a unique instrument number. Once recorded, the original document will be returned to the customer along with a receipt indicating the instrument number. Documents are to be returned to the customer by mail or in person, depending on how they were submitted.

This notice announces AMS approval of the amended certification for Oklahoma's central filing system.

(Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1631, 7 CFR 2.22(a)(3)(v) and 2.81(a)(5), and 9 CFR 205.101.)

**Erin Morris**,  
*Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 12, 2026.

The Department of Agriculture will submit the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 on or after the date of publication of this notice. Comments are requested regarding: (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received by April 15, 2026. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

### National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)

*Title:* Agricultural Surveys Program—Substantive Change.

*OMB Control Number:* 0535-0213.

*Summary of Collection:* General authority for these data collection activities is granted under U.S. Code Title 7, Section 2204 which specifies that "The Secretary of Agriculture shall procure and preserve all information concerning agriculture which he can obtain . . . by the collection of statistics . . .". The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is to provide data users with timely and reliable agricultural production and economic statistics, as well as environmental and specialty agricultural related statistics. To accomplish this objective, NASS relies on the use of diverse surveys that show changes within the farming industry over time.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is requesting a substantive change to the Agricultural Surveys Program information collection request (OMB No. 0535-0213) to increase the sample size for the Crop Acreage and Grain Stocks (Quarterly Agricultural Surveys), reinstate the Agricultural Coverage Evaluation Survey (ACES), and update the June Area Survey questionnaire to be fully compliant with Statistical Policy directive No. 15: Standards for Maintaining, Collecting, and Presenting Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity (SPD-15). The changes in this request increase burden hours.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The surveys provide the basis for estimates of the current season's crop and livestock production and supplies of grain in storage. Crop and livestock statistics help develop a stable economic atmosphere and reduce risk for production, marketing, and distribution operations. These commodities affect the well-being of the nation's farmers, commodities markets, and national and global agricultural policy. Users of agricultural statistics are farm organizations, agribusiness, state and national farm policy makers, and foreign buyers of agricultural products but the primary user of the statistical information is the producer. Agricultural statistics are also used to plan and administer other related federal and state programs in such areas as school lunch program, conservation, foreign trade, education, and recreation. Collecting the information less frequent would eliminate needed data to keep the government and agricultural