



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

A. G. Kawamura, Secretary

May 20, 2009

**CALIFORNIA APPLE COMMISSION  
CONTINUATION REFERENDUM EXTENDED  
(VOTING PERIOD ENDS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2009)**

**TO THE CALIFORNIA APPLE PRODUCER ADDRESSED:**

As required by the California Apple Commission Law, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) conducted a continuation hearing on the California Apple Commission on April 1, 2009. After finding that a substantial question existed among apple producers as to the continuation of the Commission, CDFA has submitted the continuance of the Commission to a reapproval referendum among apple producers.

**Requirements for Apple Commission Reapproval:** In order for the California Apple Commission to be re-approved and continue for up to a five year period, a majority of the eligible apple producers voting in the referendum must vote in favor of continuance.

**Voter Eligibility:** The California Apple Commission Law defines an eligible producer as a person who is engaged in the business of producing, or causing to be produced, apples for market. In addition for this referendum, a producer must have produced at least 40,000 pounds of apples for fresh consumption in the previous marketing season, which was July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

**Voting Period:** In order for your ballot to be counted, all applicable portions of the ballot must be completed. In addition, the ballot must be received by this office or **postmarked no later than June 10, 2009**. Please note that this due date is five days later than what was stated in the original ballot mailing.

For your information, the Apple Commission has in place voter access procedures. The procedures, which can be viewed at the Commission's website at [www.calapple.org](http://www.calapple.org) or which can be sent to interested producers by the Commission upon request, detail the procedure by which apple producers can make informational mailings to their fellow producers during the continuation process. If you wish to make such a mailing, you must provide a Request for Mailing to the Commission on the form provided in the procedures, which includes a statement of compliance that must be filled out and signed. Upon receipt of the completed request and statement, the Commission will inform you of the number of copies required to mail to all producers. You need to prepare your mailing in stamped sealed envelopes which the Commission will mail at your expense following the procedures.

If you have any questions about this referendum, please call Janyce Wong or me at this office at the number below. Also, please notify us as soon as possible if you know of anyone who should have received a ballot but did not.

Sincerely,

Robert Maxie, Chief  
Marketing Branch

