



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

A. G. Kawamura, Secretary

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## CONTINUATION OF THE CALIFORNIA APPLE COMMISSION

Pursuant to the California Apple Commission (Commission) Law, the Department of Food and Agriculture held a public hearing on April 1, 2009 to provide for apple producers testimony on the continuation of the Apple Commission. Based upon the testimony and evidence received through the hearing process, we determined that a substantial question existed among eligible producers as to whether the operation of the Commission should be continued. The Commission statute then required that the continuation of the Commission be submitted to referenda among eligible apple producers. We conducted the referenda during the period of May 15 through June 10, 2009.

In order for the operation of the Commission to continue, a majority of eligible producers voting must vote in favor of continuation. Ballots were sent out to 79 eligible producers and 42 producers cast valid ballots. Of those ballots, 26 voted in favor of continuation or 62%. Based upon the referendum results, the California Apple Commission has been approved to continue for another five years through June 30, 2014.

If you have any questions concerning the referendum or the Apple Commission, please call Janyce Wong or me at (916) 341-6005.

Sincerely,

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