



January 18, 2013

**NOTICE OF NOMINATION MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR THE
CALIFORNIA DRY BEAN RESEARCH AND MARKETING PROGRAM**

TO THE DRY BEAN PRODUCER AND HANDLER ADDRESSED:

The term of office for all members and alternate members of the California Dry Bean Advisory Board (board) expire on February 28, 2013, and the California Department of Food and Agriculture (department) is calling nomination meetings among dry bean producers to fill open positions on the active varietal councils and dry bean handlers qualified to fill open positions on the advisory board. All producers and handlers of California dry beans are invited to attend these nomination meetings. The term of office for the next board will be March 1, 2013, to February 29, 2016.

Varietal councils exist within the California Dry Bean Research and Marketing Program for these varieties: Baby Limas, Blackeyes, Common Beans, Garbanzos and Large Limas. These five varietal councils consist of between five to seven producer members and their respective alternate members. Council members and alternate members are responsible for recommending rates of assessment and program activities for their dry bean variety. Each council is authorized to nominate two producer members and two alternate producer members to serve on the Board.

Handler representation on the board is made without regard to variety and is composed of six dry bean handler members and three alternate handler members. Pursuant to Article II, Section A., of the Program, handler recommendations for board membership are made by the California Bean Shippers Association. The Department will consider those recommendations for appointment to the board.

Enclosed is a schedule of nomination meetings for each varietal council. At the varietal council nomination meetings, qualified dry bean producers in attendance will be entitled to make nominations and, if necessary, take a vote using preference voting procedures. Producers who currently grow more than one variety of dry beans may participate in a single nomination meeting for each of the dry bean varieties they produce. *Participation by the same producer entity in more than one of the nomination meetings for the same variety will not be permitted.* However, producers located in minor production areas, where a nearby nomination meeting is not scheduled for their specific variety, are invited to attend an alternative nomination meeting in their region to suggest names of individuals to be considered at the appropriate nomination meeting scheduled in the major production area for the particular variety.



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If you wish to nominate a person at one of the nomination meetings, you should determine the candidate's eligibility and willingness to serve prior to the nomination meeting. Each individual person is entitled to represent only one legal entity at a nomination meeting. In the case of partnerships, only one of the partners may participate on behalf of the partnership at a meeting. A married couple operating a production entity is only entitled to one participant, unless each spouse owns and operates separate and distinct entities. In share-tenant arrangements, in which the landlord receives a portion of the crop, both the landlord and the tenant are eligible to participate in the nomination procedures. Finally, proxy voting is not permitted under any circumstance.

Following the meetings, the department will appoint producer members and alternates to the varietal councils, and each council will be responsible for selecting nominees to be appointed by the department to the board. The department will also appoint the handler members and alternates to the board.

If you know of dry bean producers or handlers who have not received this notice, please inform them of these nomination meetings, or advise the Marketing Branch to send them a copy of this notice. If you have questions regarding the meetings or program, call Nathan Sano, Board Manager, at 559.591.4866. For questions regarding the role of the department in this nomination process, call April Izumi with the Marketing Branch at 916.900.5176.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert Maxie".

Robert Maxie, Chief
Marketing Branch

Enclosure

2013 Schedule of Dry Bean
Grower Nomination Meetings
Varietal Councils

Variety	Dates and Times	Meeting Places	Members to be Nominated From
Blackeye	Mon. Feb. 11th 11:00 AM	Tulare Co. Coop Ext Office 4437 So. Laspina Tulare	4 Members & 4 Alternates From Kings-Tulare-Kern & all counties to the South
	Thur. Feb. 14th 9:00 AM	Starbucks 2870 West Monte Vista Ave. Turlock	3 Members & 3 Alternates from Stanislaus-San Joaquin-Merced & all Counties to the North
Garbanzo	Mon. Feb. 11th 9:00 AM	Starbucks 855 N Lemoore Ave. Lemoore	3 Members & 3 Alternates from Kern-Tulare-Kings & Fresno Counties & Coastal Region
	Thur. Feb. 14th 1:00 PM	Tracy Chamber of Commerce 223 East 10th Street Tracy	1 Member and 1 Alternate from Merced-Madera-Stanislaus & San Joaquin Counties
	Fri. Feb. 15th 11:00 AM	Colusa County UCCE Office 100 Sunrise Blvd. Colusa	1 Member and 1 Alternate from Colusa-Sutter-Yuba-Butte & Glenn Counties
Baby Lima	Thur. Feb. 14th 1:00 PM	Tracy Chamber of Commerce 223 East 10th Street Tracy	4 Members & 4 Alternates from San Joaquin-Stanislaus & Merced Counties
	Fri. Feb. 15th 11:00 AM	Colusa County UCCE Office 100 Sunrise Blvd. Colusa	3 Members & 3 Alternates From Sutter-Yolo-Solano-Butte-Glenn- & Colusa Counties

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Large Lima	Wed. Feb. 13th 9:00 AM	Starbucks 1201 E Main Street Santa Maria	2 Members & 2 Alternates From Riverside-L.A.-Orange-Ventura- Santa Barbara-S.L.O & all Coastal Counties
	Thur. Feb. 14th 1:00 PM	Tracy Chamber of Commerce 223 East 10th Street Tracy	5 Members & 5 Alternates from San Joaquin-Stanislaus & Merced Counties
Common	Thur. Feb. 14th 4:00 PM	San Joaquin Farm Bureau 2101 E. Earhart Ave. Stockton	2 Members & 2 Alternates from Northern San Joaquin Valley
	Fri. Feb. 15th 9:00 AM	Starbucks 18455 County Highway E8 Woodland	2 Members & 2 Alternates from Sacramento-San Joaquin-Solano & Yolo Counties
	Fri. Feb. 15th 11:00 AM	Colusa County UCCE Office 100 Sunrise Blvd. Colusa	3 Members & 3 Alternates from Colusa-Sutter-Yuba-Butte & Glenn Counties