

# Citrus Administrative Committee

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## CITRUS ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE SEEKS TO INCREASE DIVERSITY

LAKELAND – The Citrus Administrative Committee, which administers Florida’s fresh citrus marketing order, is trying to get women, minorities and persons with disabilities to participate in its nomination process this spring.

It acknowledges it has a tough job, because members of the committee, except the public member and alternate, must be fresh citrus growers or work for fresh citrus shippers. There is little diversity among growers and packinghouse personnel in the Florida citrus industry.

An U.S. Department of Agriculture official last year withheld approval of the committee’s nominees for several months because the committee lacked diversity. The official urged the committee to make greater efforts to increase the participation of women, minorities and people with disabilities in the nominating process.

The Citrus Administrative Committee sets minimum grades and size standards for Florida citrus that is shipped interstate and exported to assure an orderly market for the fruit. It is overseen by the USDA, which must approve the nominees for committee membership. The committee has nine grower members and eight shipper members, and there is an alternate for each of those positions.

Despite the difficulty in creating diversity on the committee, its manager, Duke Chadwell, said the committee has a woman grower and a grower alternate with a disability currently on the committee. “We’re working within the citrus industry to increase diversity on the committee,” he said.

Daryl Jacobs, a grower and Chairman of the Citrus Administrative Committee for the 2006-07 season, said while it’s tough to find the kind of people the USDA wants to be nominated, the committee, will attempt do so. “We are working within the industry to find them, identify them and mentor them,” he said.

Chadwell and Jacobs are urging any interested and qualified women, minorities or persons with disabilities to call Chadwell at (863) 682-3103. The fax number is (863) 683-9563, and the email address is [Duke@citrusadministrativecommittee.org](mailto:Duke@citrusadministrativecommittee.org).

Nomination meetings for grower members of the committee will be held on May 10th and those interested should contact Chadwell prior to that date. Shipper member nominations are scheduled to be held on May 16th and those interested in those positions should contact Chadwell by early May.

Membership on the committee is a volunteer job, but members are paid for their travel to meeting, usually about four times a year.

Chadwell said a woman, minority or disabled person who didn’t feel comfortable serving as a voting committee member could be nominated as an alternate. Alternates are also encouraged to attend meetings and are paid mileage for attending. “Serving as an alternate would be an excellent opportunity for someone to be mentored and learn enough to later become a voting member of the committee,” he said. As part of its effort to identify and recruit more diverse nominees, the Citrus Administrative Committee will produce a poster and display in citrus packinghouses, county extension offices, Farm Bureau offices and citrus industry offices.

**For more information, contact Duke Chadwell at (863) 683-3103.**

# CITRUS ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

## GROWER NOMINATION INFORMATION

ALL NOMINATION MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 10<sup>TH</sup>

2006-07

GROWER MEMBER

GROWER ALTERNATE

DISTRICT 1

ANITA SIMPSON

RON ENGLISH

**District 1** is composed of Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, Hernando, Citrus, Sumter, Lake, Orange, Seminole, Marion and that part of the Counties of Brevard and Volusia not included in Regulation Area II (Indian River District).

### TIME & LOCATION OF 2007-08 GROWER NOMINATION MEETING FOR DISTRICT 1

10 a.m. at the Lake County Agricultural Center, Tavares, Florida

**Anita Simpson is not eligible to serve as a grower member but may serve as grower member alternate for the 2007-08 season.**

DISTRICT 2

**N. PERRY HANSEN**  
**ELLIS HUNT, JR.**

LINDSAY RALEY  
STEVE HOLLISTER

**District 2** is composed of Polk and Osceola counties.

### TIME & LOCATION OF 2007-08 GROWER NOMINATION MEETING FOR DISTRICT 2

10 a.m. at the Ben Hill Griffin Auditorium, IFAS Citrus Research & Education Center, Lake Alfred, Florida

**Perry Hansen and Ellis Hunt, Jr. are not eligible to serve as grower members but may serve as grower member alternates for the 2007-08 season.**

DISTRICT 3

PHIL STRAZZULLA  
**SCOTT HURLEY**  
PHILIP C. GATES, JR.

STEVE CASSENS  
DARYL C. JACOBS  
ROBERT G. SEXTON

**District 3** is composed of St. Luice county and that part of the Counties of Brevard, Indian River, Martin, Palm Beach and Volusia as lying within Regulation Area II Indian River District).

**Scott Hurly is not eligible to serve as a grower member but may serve as grower member alternate for the 2007-08 season.**

### TIME & LOCATION OF 2007-08 GROWER NOMINATION MEETING FOR THE INDIAN RIVER DISTRICT

2:30 p.m. at the Indian River Citrus League Headquarters, Vero Beach, Florida

DISTRICT 4

CHARLIE WILSON, III  
MARK MANUEL  
**BILLY HELLER, JR.**

PEGGY LEACH  
GREG REINTS  
WAYNE SIMMONS

**District 4** is composed of Manatee, Sarasota, Hardee, Highlands, Okeechobee, Glades, DeSoto, Charlotte, Lee, Hendry, Collier, Monroe, Dade, Broward and that part of the Counties of Palm Beach, Martin and Indian River not included in Regulation Area II (Indian River District)

**Billy Heller, Jr. is not eligible to serve as a grower member but may serve as grower member alternate for the 2007-08 season.**

### TIME & LOCATION OF 2007-08 GROWER NOMINATION MEETING FOR DISTRICT 4

10 a.m. at the Highlands County Agricultural Center, Conference Room #3, Sebring, Florida

THE CAC NOMINATION MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH FLORIDA CITRUS MUTUAL DIRECTOR ELECTIONS.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT DUKE CHADWELL AT 863-682-3103**

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## Notice of Shipper Nomination Meetings

April 20, 2007

To: Shippers of Fresh Florida Citrus Fruit

The independent and cooperative shipper nomination meetings for the Citrus Administrative Committee (Committee) has been scheduled for:

**8:45 a.m., Wednesday, May 16, 2007**

in the lobby meeting room at the Florida Department of Citrus, 1115 E. Memorial Blvd., Lakeland, Florida.

At the shipper nomination meeting there will be separate elections for cooperative members and independent members. Marketing Order No. 905 requires that at least 3 shipper members and their alternates be of cooperative affiliation. The independents nominate 5 shipper members and 5 alternates and the cooperatives nominate 3 members and 3 alternates to serve on the Committee for the upcoming season, which begins on August 1, 2007. Four current shipper members (Dick Wooley, Lee Bouldin, George Streetman and David Mixon) are not eligible to serve as shipper members but are eligible to serve during the upcoming 2007-08 season.

Each shipper's vote at the nomination election will be weighted by the volume of regulated citrus fruit shipped since August 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007. Since most shippers vote by proxy ballot, these will be mailed to you on or before May 10, 2007.

For your information, attached is a list of the shipper members and alternates currently serving on the CAC and their eligibility to serve next season. Independent and cooperative shippers should caucus within the next few days to develop a slate of nominees.

Please note the CAC and USDA is seeking eligible women, minorities and people with disabilities to participate in their marketing order programs. If you have questions, please contact me at 863-682-3103.

Sincerely,

Arthur B. Chadwell  
Manager

Attachments

# Citrus Administrative Committee

## Shipper Members and Alternates

2006-07 Season

### Independent Shipper Members and Alternates

#### Shipper Member

Wayne Maulden  
West Lake Produce Company

**\*Dick Wooley**  
**Heller Brothers Packing Corp.**  
W G Roe & Sons, Inc.

**\*Lee Bouldin**  
**Bernard Egan & Company**

Ray Smith  
Leroy Smith Packing, Inc.

**\*George Streetman**  
**Hogan & Sons, Inc.**

#### Shipper Member Alternate

Paul Koukos  
A. Duda & Sons, Inc.

Quentin J. Roe

Rusty Varn  
East Coast Packers

Paul Genke  
Packers of Indian River

Pat Rogers  
Greene River Packing, Inc.

### Cooperative Shipper Members and Alternates

#### Shipper Member

Bobby Bawcum  
Diversified Citrus Marketing

**\*David Mixon**  
**Seald Sweet Growers**

George Hamner, Jr.  
Indian River Exchange Pkrs

#### Shipper Member Alternate

Darrell Congdon  
Diversified Citrus Marketing

Jim McCranie  
Seald Sweet Growers

Helen C. Starr  
Indian River Exchange Pkrs

**Note: \* Dick Wooley, Lee Bouldin, George Streetman and David Mixon are not eligible to serve as shipper members but are eligible to serve as shipper member alternates during the 2007-08 season.**