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WHEAT COMMISSION TO CONDUCT GROWER ELECTIONS

Woodland, CA---In August 2006, the California Wheat Commission will conduct district elections for the positions of Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner for 5 California districts: District 1 (Siskiyou, Tehama, Lassen, Modoc, & Shasta counties), District 7 (Alameda, Contra Costa, Stanislaus, & San Joaquin counties), District 10 (Kings and Tulare counties), District 12 (Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Monterey, San Benito, & Santa Clara counties), and District 15 (Imperial County lying south of Keystone Rd.) The term of office for Commissioners and their Alternates is three years.

Involvement in the California Wheat Commission enables California producers to take a more active role in national wheat organizations and wheat policymaking bodies. A qualified producer member or alternate is defined as any person who is engaged within this state in the business of producing wheat for market during any of the preceding three marketing seasons, and who must reside or conduct farming operations in the district in which the election is to be held.

Interested individuals are encouraged to contact the California Wheat Commission to obtain a nomination petition. To be included on the ballot, completed nomination petitions must be returned to the Commission postmarked no later than **July 21, 2006**.

Wheat growers voted to establish the California Wheat Commission in 1983, expressly to develop and maintain domestic and international markets for California wheat and support research that improves California wheat quality and marketability. The Commission, operating under the California Food and Agriculture Code, is funded entirely by wheat growers and is guided by a board of fifteen wheat farmers and two handlers -- each with an alternate member --and one public member.

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