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Vidalia onion growers to vote

USDA announces that producers will soon vote on the continuation of their federal marketing order



The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced that Vidalia onion producers will vote from 9-27 September on whether to continue their Federal marketing order.

The marketing order requires that a continuance referendum be held every six years.

To be eligible to vote, growers must have produced Vidalia onions within the designated production area in Georgia between 1 January and 31 December 2012.

USDA would consider terminating the marketing order if less than two-thirds of the producers voting in

the referendum, and producers of less than two-thirds of the volume of Vidalia onions represented in the referendum, favour continuance.