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USDA ISSUES FINAL PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING BEEF REFERENDUM

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has issued a final rule governing the procedures for conducting the Beef Referendum as authorized by the Beef Promotion and Research Act of 1985.

Referendum voting will be conducted in county Extension offices during normal business hours on May 10, 1988. The Cooperative Extension Office is located at the Fairgrounds, East of the Main Office. Call (209) 966-2417, for information.

Producers and importers unable to vote in person may request an absentee ballot by writing the Beef Referendum State Extension Coordinator at Cooperative Extension Headquarters, Beef Referendum, University of California, Davis, California 95616, or pick up a request card from the Cooperative Extension Office. Absentee Ballots will be available from April 1 until close of business on April 29, 1988. Absentee ballots must be received in the county Extension office serving Mariposa County by close of business, 5:00 p.m., on May 3, 1988.

All cattle producers who owned or acquired cattle and importers of cattle, beef or beef products during the period of October 1, 1986, through March 31, 1988, are eligible to vote. This also includes 4-H, FFA, and other youth who owned cattle during the designated time period.

The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service will count ballots, determine the eligibility of challenged voters and ballots, and report Referendum results.