



National Processed Raspberry Council (NPRC) Seeks Board Member Nominations

June 18, 2018 (Lynden, WA) - Processed raspberry industry leaders are encouraged to participate in the National Processed Raspberry Council's (NPRC) board member nomination process, which is currently underway. Active participation in the processed raspberry industry through the NPRC provides an unprecedented opportunity to further the NPRC's mission of building demand and securing the long-term viability of the industry.

The NPRC is currently seeking nominations for producer member, importer member, foreign producer member and public member seats (as well as their alternates), specifically:

- two producer members and their alternates from Washington to represent states producing a minimum of three million pounds of raspberries for processing;
- one producer member and an alternate from California to represent states producing less than three million pounds of raspberries for processing;
- one importer member and an alternate;
- one foreign producer member and an alternate; and
- one public member and an alternate

The nomination period has been extended and nominations are now due to the NPRC no later than July 15, 2018. Applications are available by contacting NPRC Executive Director Tom Krugman at 360-354-0948 or tkrugman@redrazz.org or USDA Marketing Specialist Hakim Fobia at (202) 720-4835 or hakim.fobia@ams.usda.gov.

Nominees will be selected by their peers for consideration by Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue. The Secretary will appoint individuals to succeed members whose terms expire on December 31, 2018.

The council is composed of 13 members including six producers from states producing a minimum of three million pounds of raspberries for processing, one producer from states producing less than three million pounds, three importers, two foreign producers, one public member, and their alternates.

The [National Processed Raspberry Council](#) is industry-funded and supports the national marketing and promotion of processed raspberries. Since 1966, Congress has authorized 22 industry-funded research and promotion boards to provide a framework for agricultural industries to pool resources and combine efforts to develop new markets, strengthen existing markets and conduct important research and promotion activities. The [Agricultural Marketing Service](#) provides oversight, paid for by industry assessments, which helps ensure fiscal responsibility, program efficiency and fair treatment of participating stakeholders.