

Independent Accountant's Report

Hass Avocado Board
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We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the nomination process conducted pursuant to the Hass Avocado Promotion Order, 7 C.F.R. § 1219. The Hass Avocado Board is responsible for administering the nomination process.

The Hass Avocado Board has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of assisting the Board and the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA") in identifying producers and importers for possible appointment to the Hass Avocado Board. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

Our procedures and results were as follows:

1. We obtained a copy of the Hass Avocado Nomination Procedures ("Procedures"), dated September 17, 2020. We read the Procedures to gain an understanding of the rules governing the nomination process. The Board also provided us with a list of producers and importers in the U.S. who are eligible to serve on the board along with the sample ballot identical to that which was mailed to all producers and importers on the list.

Results: We noted that the Board must submit two *producer* names for each available producer seat. There are four available producer seats (two member seats and two alternate seats), for a total of eight producer names to be submitted to the USDA. The Board must also submit two *importer* names for each available seat. There are four available seats (two member seats and two alternate seats), for a total of eight importer names. The ballot instructed producers and importers to return their ballots directly to a designated post office box controlled by Davis Farr LLP no later than May 23, 2022 and that all ballots must be signed.

2. Ballots were collected from a dedicated post office box and were controlled in a secure area in our firm prior to data entry into our ballot tally summary schedule.
3. After data entry, all votes were recounted by a second accountant.
4. The ballot tally summary schedule, in descending order by vote count, was provided to the Board in Exhibit A.

Results of the top candidates with the highest total number of votes are as follows. Please note that in the event of a tie, lots were cast to determine order of presentation.

Producer Nominees

	First Name	Last Name	Qualifying Votes
1	Bob	Schaar	145
2	Elaine	Bannatyne	142
3	Charley	Wolk	133
4	Heath	Shoup	111
5	Daniel	Harte	95
6	Rocco	Fiore II	75
7	Kerry	Tucker (write-in)	1
8	Esper A.	Peterson (write-in)	1

Importer Nominees

	First Name	Last Name	Qualifying Votes
1	Debbie	Willmann	5
2	Juan	Monsalve	4
3	John	Patrick	2
4	Yadira	Enriquez	1
5	Jacqueline	Solares	-

5. There were several ballots that were disqualified for various reasons. A summary of these have been provided to the Board with the nomination results in Exhibit A.
6. The ballots will be secured in storage for a minimum of five (5) years.

We were engaged by the Hass Avocado Board to perform this agreed-upon-procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the AICPA. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on handler assessments. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of the Hass Avocado Board and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Hass Avocado Board and the United States Department of Agriculture and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Irvine, California
May 31, 2022