

Grower Tree Run Certificate

Federal Marketing Order No. 905

905.149 Grower Tree Run Certificate.

A Grower is one who deals with his or her own citrus fruit. Any such shipments shall be made subject to a Grower Tree Run Certificate.

To qualify for a Grower Tree Run Certificate, each grower must notify the Citrus Administrative Committee (committee) prior to the first shipment of their Florida citrus fruit in the fiscal period of his intent to ship such citrus, submit an application on forms supplied by the committee, and agree to other requirements as set forth in 905.149, with respect to such shipments. The grower shall certify that he will only handle his own citrus fruit.

Citrus shipped under this provision must, other provisions notwithstanding, meet the following requirements:

- (a) The citrus fruit used under this rule must be from the grower's own grove.
- (b) Be reported as required in 905.149.
- (c) No shipment can be greater than 150 boxes per variety.
- (d) The grower is limited to shipping 3,000 boxes per variety per season.
- (e) The grower must identify each container used to ship the grower's citrus fruit, with the grower's name and address and their Grower Tree Run Certificate Number.

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- (a) Application. Application for a Grower Tree Run Certificate shall be made on forms furnished by the committee. Each application may contain, but need not be limited to, the grower's name, address, legal description of the grower's grove or groves and variety of citrus fruit produced on these groves and; approximate number of boxes to be handled during the season; a certification to the Secretary of Agriculture and to the committee as to the truthfulness of the information shown thereon; and any other appropriate information or documents deemed necessary by the committee or its duly authorized agents for the purposes stated in 905.149.
- (b) Approval. The committee or its duly authorized agents shall give prompt consideration to each application for a Grower Certificate. Approval of an application shall be based upon a determination as to whether the information contained therein and other information available to the committee supports approval shall be evidenced by the issuance of a Grower Tree Run Certificate to the applicant. Each certificate shall expire on July 31.
- (c) Disqualification. The committee, annually, will conduct a survey of shipments under the Grower Tree Run Certificate to determine whether growers are complying with the requirements and regulations applicable to such certificates. Whenever the committee finds that a grower is failing to comply with these requirements, the Grower Tree Run Certificate issued such grower may be rescinded and a further certificate denied. Such disqualification by the committee, but in no event shall it extend beyond the end of the current fiscal period. Any handler who has a certificate rescinded or denied may appeal to the committee in writing for reconsideration of his disqualification.

905.149 Reports of shipments under Grower Tree Run Certificate.

- a. Each grower shipping under Grower Tree Run Certificate shall supply the committee with reports on each shipment as requested by the committee, on forms supplied by the committee, showing the name and address of the grower; variety of citrus fruit; number of 1-3/5 bushel box equivalent; shipment date; Truck and/or Trailer License Number; and any other information deemed necessary by the committee.
- b. One copy of the report on each shipment shall be forwarded to the committee; the shipper shall retain one copy, one copy will accompany the shipment, the Road Guard Station will retain one copy. Failure to complete and return such forms could be cause to rescind the Growers Tree Run Certificate.