

(D) "VOTER", WITH RESPECT TO A REFERENDUM ON THE QUESTION OF AN ANNUAL ASSESSMENT ON A PARTICULAR AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY, MEANS ANY PERSON ENGAGED IN THE PRODUCTION OF THE COMMODITY, AND INCLUDES THE OWNER OF THE FARM ON WHICH THE COMMODITY IS PRODUCED, TENANTS, AND SHARECROPPERS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived in part from Art. 66C, §83J and added to provide a specific definition of the persons who are intended to vote in a referendum under this subtitle and to be represented by a certified agency.

SEC. 10-102. DECLARATION OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT; EFFECT OF PASSAGE OF FEDERAL AGRICULTURAL MARKETING ACT OF 1946.

(A) DECLARATION OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT.

IT IS DECLARED TO BE IN THE INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC WELFARE THAT THE MARYLAND FARMERS WHO ARE PRODUCERS OF LIVESTOCK, POULTRY, FIELD CROPS, INCLUDING NURSERY STOCK, BULBS, AND FLOWERS; AND OTHER AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS HAVING A DOMESTIC OR FOREIGN MARKET, SHALL BE PERMITTED AND ENCOURAGED TO ACT JOINTLY AND IN COOPERATION WITH GROWERS, HANDLERS, DEALERS, AND PROCESSORS OF THESE PRODUCTS IN PROMOTING AND STIMULATING, BY ADVERTISING AND OTHER METHODS, THE INCREASED PRODUCTION, AND DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN USE AND SALE OF ANY AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.

(B) EFFECT OF PASSAGE OF FEDERAL AGRICULTURAL MARKETING ACT OF 1946.

THE PASSAGE BY THE SEVENTY-NINTH CONGRESS OF A LAW DESIGNATED AS PUBLIC LAW 733, AND, PARTICULARLY TITLE II OF THAT ACT, CITED AS "AGRICULTURAL MARKETING ACT OF 1946", MAKES IT IMPORTANT FOR PRODUCERS, HANDLERS, PROCESSORS, AND OTHERS CONCERNED WITH SPECIFIC AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES TO ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES IN ACTION PROGRAMS, SEPARATELY, AND WITH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES, TO OBTAIN THE GREATEST AND MOST IMMEDIATE BENEFITS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE FEDERAL LAW, IN RESPECT TO RESEARCH, STUDIES, AND PROBLEMS OF MARKETING, TRANSPORTATION, AND DISTRIBUTION.

(C) RIGHT TO LEVY ASSESSMENTS ON COMMODITIES OR ACREAGE DECLARED IN PUBLIC INTEREST.

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