

**Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA**

**§ 1220.201**

**§ 1220.126 Secretary.**

The term *Secretary* means the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States or any other officer or employee of the Department to whom there has been delegated, the authority to act in the Secretary's stead.

**§ 1220.127 Soybean products.**

The term *soybean products* means products produced in whole or in part from soybeans or soybean byproducts.

**§ 1220.128 Soybeans.**

The term *soybeans* means all varieties of Glycine max or Glycine soja.

**§ 1220.129 State and United States.**

The terms *State* and *United States* include the 50 States of the United States of America, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

**§ 1220.130 Unit.**

The term *unit* shall mean each State, or group of States, which is represented on the Board.

**UNITED SOYBEAN BOARD**

**§ 1220.201 Membership of board.**

(a) For the purposes of nominating and appointing producers to the Board, the United States shall be divided into 30 geographic units and the number of Board members from each unit, subject to paragraphs (d) and (e) of this section shall be as follows:

Unit	Number of members
Illinois .....	4
Iowa .....	4
Minnesota .....	4
Indiana .....	4
Missouri .....	3
Ohio .....	3
Arkansas .....	3
Nebraska .....	3
South Dakota .....	3
Kansas .....	3
Mississippi .....	2
Louisiana .....	2
Tennessee .....	2
North Carolina .....	2
Kentucky .....	2
Michigan .....	2
North Dakota .....	2
Wisconsin .....	2
Maryland .....	1
Virginia .....	1
Georgia .....	1

Unit	Number of members
South Carolina .....	1
Alabama .....	1
Delaware .....	1
Texas .....	1
Pennsylvania .....	1
Oklahoma .....	1
New Jersey .....	1
Eastern Region (New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Florida, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, West Virginia, District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico) .....	1
Western Region (Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Idaho, Utah, Arizona, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, California, Hawaii, and Alaska) .....	1

(b) The Board shall be composed of soybean producers appointed by the Secretary from nominations submitted pursuant to §1220.203. A soybean producer may only be nominated by the unit in which that soybean producer is a resident or producer.

(c) At the end of each three (3) year period, the Board shall review the geographic distribution of soybean production volume throughout the United States and may recommend to the Secretary a modification of paragraph (e) of this section, to best reflect the geographic distribution of soybean production volume in the United States. The Secretary may amend this subpart to make the changes recommended by the Board in levels of productions used to determine per unit representation. A unit may not, as a result of any modifications under this subsection, lose Board seats to which it is entitled at the time this subpart is initially issued unless its average annual production, as determined under paragraph (e)(6) of this section, declines below the levels required for representation, as specified in paragraphs (e) (1) through (5) of this section.

(d) At the end of each three (3) year period, the Secretary shall review the volume of production (minus the volume of production for which refunds have been paid) of each unit provided representation under paragraph (a) of this section, and shall adjust the boundaries of any unit and the number of Board members from each such unit to conform with the criteria set out in paragraphs (e) (1) through (5) of this section.