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Texas Peanut Producers Board announces biennial elections
Four board seats available, nomination process opens

LUBBOCK, Texas (November 21, 2011) – The Texas Peanut Producers Board will be holding an election for four expiring directors' seats. The election will be held from Jan. 9-23, 2012, with the nomination process opening Nov. 23, 2011.

There is **one seat** open in **Voting Region 1**, which consists of the following 44 counties: Andrews, Bailey, Brewster, Castro, Cochran, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, Dallam, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Ector, El Paso, Gaines, Glasscock, Hale, Hartley, Hockley, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Lamb, Loving, Lubbock, Lynn, Martin, Midland, Moore, Oldham, Parmer, Pecos, Potter, Presidio, Randall, Reagan, Reeves, Sherman, Swisher, Terrell, Terry, Upton, Val Verde, Ward, Winkler and Yoakum.

There are **two seats** open in **Voting Region 2**, which consists of the following 40 counties: Archer, Armstrong, Baylor, Borden, Briscoe, Carson, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Crosby, Dickens, Donley, Fisher, Floyd, Foard, Garza, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hardeman, Haskell, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Jones, Kent, King, Knox, Lipscomb, Motley, Ochiltree, Roberts, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Throckmorton, Wheeler, Wichita, Wilbarger and Young.

There is **one seat** open in **Voting Region 4**, which consists of the following 61 counties: Aransas, Atascosa, Austin, Bee, Bexar, Brazoria, Brooks, Calhoun, Cameron, Chambers, Colorado, DeWitt, Dimmit, Duval, Fayette, Fort Bend, Frio, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harris, Hidalgo, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kenedy, Kinney, Kleberg, La Salle, Lavaca, Liberty, Live Oak, Matagorda, Maverick, McMullen, Medina, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Polk, Refugio, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Starr, Tyler, Uvalde, Victoria, Waller, Washington, Webb, Wharton, Willacy, Wilson, Zapata and Zavala.

Nomination forms will be publicly available Nov. 23, 2011, at peanut buying point locations and Texas AgriLife Extension Service offices in the counties listed above, or they can be requested by mail directly from TPPB at 4205 N. I-27, Lubbock, Texas 79403. If you request a nomination form by mail from TPPB, please include your county of residence. Nomination applicants must reside in a county within a TPPB voting region where they seek nomination and must have their application signed by the applicant and 10 other eligible voters. A form must be filed with TPPB no later than Dec. 23, 2011, in order for it to be valid.

A person is eligible to vote in this board election if he or she is currently a producer of peanuts, or for at least one production period during the three years preceding the date of this election (Jan. 23, 2012), has been a producer of peanuts or has caused peanuts to be produced for commercial purposes. This includes owners of farms and their tenants or sharecroppers that pay the peanut assessment. Any person qualified to vote is also qualified to seek nomination for election to the board as a director. For a producer to vote in director elections, the producer must reside within a county located in the voting region they wish to vote.

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