



2024/25 OOC Voluntary Participation Form

Thank you for your interest in becoming a voluntary member of the Olive Oil Commission of California (OOC). While participation in the OOC sampling and testing program is mandatory for handlers who produce 5,000 gallons or more of olive oil, a less rigorous program was created for smaller producers who – on a voluntary basis – are committed to assigning and labeling grade(s) in alignment with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) grade and labeling standards: thereby encouraging a positive consumer experience and promoting California as a quality and trustworthy brand. Producers found to be in compliance with all voluntary membership requirements will be listed as a “Member in Good Standing” on the OOC website and communications, receive a certificate verifying their status as a voluntary member of the OOC, and are eligible to use the OOC logo and approved language on packaging and marketing materials upon completion of the “Service Mark Agreement”.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A VOLUNTARY MEMBER OF THE OOC, PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM BY NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 2024. ADDITIONAL PROGRAM MATERIALS AND DIRECTION WILL BE PROVIDED TO YOU ONCE THIS FORM IS RECEIVED BY THE OOC.

BY EMAIL: ecranmer@calapple.org **BY FAX:** (559) 456-9099 **BY MAIL:** 2565 Alluvial Ave., Suite 152 Clovis, CA 93611

Company Name: _____

Contact: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

The above olive oil handler is requesting to be a voluntary member of the Olive Oil Commission of California. By signing and submitting this form, they agree to the following for the 2024/25 season:

(a) The handler agrees to contract an independent laboratory to evaluate all lots of olive oil produced for the following quality parameters: Free Fatty Acid Content (FFA); Absorbency in Ultraviolet (K_{232} , K_{270} , and ΔK); Organoleptic Analysis (MeD and MeF).

(b) The handler agrees to provide all documentation required of the voluntary program including: the 2023/24 OOC Voluntary Participation Form, laboratory reports associated each lot of olive oil produced; Form A; Form B.

(c) The handler agrees to participate in the OOC testing and sampling program described in Appendix A of the Standard and agrees to grade and label olive oil in accordance with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) grade and labeling standards.

(d) The handler agrees to pay an assessment fee calculated by taking the current assessment rate of \$0.16 per gallon multiplied by the quantity of olive oil produced (gal).

(e) The program applies only to 100% California olive oils.

Signature: _____

Title: _____