

## The Arkansas Agriculture Department seeks National Peanut Board nominees

Arkansas Agriculture Department • #1 Natural Resources Drive, Little Rock, AR 72205  
Phone: 501-683-4851

Little Rock, AR – The Arkansas Agriculture Department seeks eligible peanut producers who are interested in serving on the National Peanut Board. The Arkansas Agriculture Department will hold a nominations election to select two at-large nominees each for member and alternate to the National Peanut Board during a meeting on April 24, 2012 at 10:00 at the Lawrence County Community Room, 115 W. Walnut Street, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas 72476. All eligible peanut producers are encouraged to participate. Eligible producers are those who are engaged in the production and sale of peanuts and who own or share the ownership and risk of loss of the crop.

Vic Jordan of Rayville, LA is the current at-large National Peanut Board member and John Shackelford of Bonita, LA serves as the at-large alternate. The term for the current at-large board member and alternate expires Dec. 31, 2012.

USDA requires two nominees from each state for each position of member and alternate. The National Peanut Board will submit a slate of nominees to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture who makes the appointments.

The National Peanut Board encourages inclusion of persons of any race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation and marital or family status. NPB encourages all persons who qualify as peanut producers to attend the meeting and run for nomination.

It is USDA's policy that membership on industry-government boards and committees accurately reflect the diversity of individuals served by the programs.

The National Peanut Board represents all USA peanut farmers and their families. The mission of the Board is to provide USA peanut growers with a receptive and growing market for their peanuts and the information and tools for improved efficiencies. Through research and marketing initiatives the Board is finding new ways to enhance production and increase consumer demand by promoting the great taste, nutrition and culinary versatility of USA-grown peanuts.

XXXX

Questions regarding this press release may be directed to Zachary Taylor, Director of Marketing, at 501-219-6324 or email [Zachary.Taylor@aad.ar.gov](mailto:Zachary.Taylor@aad.ar.gov).