

## **Eligibility to Vote**

### **Tobacco Research Check-Off Referendum**

It has been determined by representatives of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, Inc., the North Carolina State Grange, the North Carolina Tobacco Foundation, Inc., and the Tobacco Growers Association of North Carolina that the following definition of a tobacco producer (USDA/ASCS - Quota Referenda) will be used to determine eligibility for voting in the Tobacco Research Check-Off Referendum:

“Any person (except an individual who is less than 18 years old at the time of the referendum) may vote in the referendum if the person was engaged in the production of tobacco, as an owner, landlord, tenant or sharecropper.

A person is considered to be engaged in the production of tobacco, if as an owner, landlord or sharecropper (and in the case of Burley, a leasor) the person was a tobacco producer who was entitled to a share in the tobacco crop or in the proceeds of the tobacco because he shared in the risk of production of tobacco on a farm on which tobacco was planted in a workmanlike manner for harvest.

Also, a person is considered to be engaged in the production of tobacco, if tobacco was not planted on the farm, but was regarded as planted on the farm for history purposes, and the county committee determines that the person was either the operator or owner, and would have shared in the crop had it been planted.

A farm owner whose tobacco quota was produced by another person on the owner's farm through a fixed rent arrangement is not considered engaged in the production of the crop.

A person shall not be entitled to more than one vote regardless of the number of farms on which the person has an interest.”

By signing the voter registration sheet, a person certifies that he is eligible by the definition above to vote in the Tobacco Research Check-Off Referendum.

**(This definition of voter eligibility shall be posted on or near each ballot box.)**