

**U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council
Cultivated Blueberry Promotion, Research and Information Order
Council Member Ballot—North Carolina State Representative**

The nominees listed on this ballot are seeking the North Carolina State Council Member seat on the U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council (USHBC). As a cultivated blueberry grower in the state of North Carolina you are asked to cast your vote for one North Carolina state council member, or to write in the name of your choice for state representative in Section #1 of this ballot.

Please complete this ballot and mail it back to the U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council (USHBC) in the enclosed, self-addressed envelope. Ballots must be received by the USHBC no later than close of business on Tuesday, May 29, 2007. Ballots received after that date will not be counted.

USHBC Member Ballot – North Carolina

Section #1: North Carolina Growers

North Carolina State Representative

Growers from the state of North Carolina who are producing cultivated blueberries in the state are asked to indicate their choice for state representative here:
(choose **one** candidate only or provide name of write-in candidate)

NORTH CAROLINA STATE REPRESENTATIVE CANDIDATES

- Ralph Carter Jr. – White Lake, North Carolina
- H. Neil Moore - Ivanhoe, North Carolina
- Write-in Candidate:

Print Name

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**Section #2 TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL GROWERS
CERTIFICATION STATEMENT**

I certify that I have produced a minimum of 2,000 pounds of cultivated blueberries at the location listed below during the twelve-month period of January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006:

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone: _____

Submission of Ballot to USHBC

Once you have completed and signed this ballot please place this ballot in the enclosed, self addressed envelope and mail it to the U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council. **Incomplete ballots, unsigned ballots, or ballots received after May 29, 2007 will not be counted.**

If you have any questions concerning this ballot please contact the USHBC office at (916) 983-0111.

USHBC Diversity Outreach Policy

The USHBC has adopted a diversity outreach plan to attempt to achieve a diverse representation on the Council. USHBC programs are open to all individuals without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, genetic information, parental status and marital or family status. The USHBC fully complies with any and all applicable federal, state, and local equal employment opportunity statutes, ordinances and regulations, including but not limited to, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; The Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1907; and The Equal Pay Act of 1963. It is USHBC policy that membership on the Council and its committees reflect the diversity of individuals served by its programs.

To accomplish this objective, the USHBC will strive to attain representation of growers and other industry participants from diverse backgrounds on the Council and USHBC committees. To this end, the USHBC strongly encourages women, minorities and persons with disabilities to seek nominations to the USHBC and to participate in Council and USHBC committee activities.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact the USDA's TARGET Center at 202-720-2600 (voice and TDD). To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington D.C. 20250-9410 or call 202-720-5964 (voice and TDD).

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**USHBC COUNCIL MEMBER
CANDIDATE STATEMENTS – NORTH CAROLINA**

**Ralph C. Carter Jr. – White Lake, North Carolina
Candidate for: USHBC North Carolina State Member**

The blueberry industry is very important to eastern North Carolina. Every grower is and should be interested in the USHBC. The funds we growers have provided have produced research and advertising. If elected it will be my goal to continue, improve and expand our research and advertising.

As a child and a young adult, I worked on my father's blueberry farm. When I was married it seemed natural for me to become a blueberry farmer. Presently I have been farming blueberries for twenty-seven years and have three hundred and fifty acres. The blueberry growers of North Carolina have continued for five years to elect me as president of the North Carolina Blueberry Council. I am married to my wife Sonya and we have a daughter Channing who graduates from high school this year.

**H. Neil Moore – Ivanhoe, North Carolina
Candidate for: USHBC North Carolina State Member**

I am a third generation blueberry grower in North Carolina. My family has been involved in producing blueberries for over sixty years. I am very interested in promoting blueberries in North Carolina, the U.S., and the world. I believe the best way to accomplish this goal is to have a strong organization like the USHBC.

The blueberry industry is a good industry to be involved in; but that could change without continued promotion and research. The USHBC is your best bet to keep your industry profitable. My family and I believe in the USHBC and its efforts to promote blueberries.

I appreciate your support in the past and I would like to continue to serve the blueberry industry as a representative from North Carolina.