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South Texas Onion Committee seeks new members

The [South Texas Onion Committee](#) is currently seeking producer and handler nominees for Districts 1 (Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Valley) and District 2 (Uvalde-Wintergarden region).

"The STOC plays an important role in ensuring producers and handlers get the best price for their products. We are always looking for new industry members to sit on the committee, keeping the energy level high and bringing new ideas," said STOC Manager Dante Galeazzi. The committee strongly encourages the industry to consider candidates of all ages and genders to participate.

Steve Cargil, an onion grower and current chairman of STOC, also noted a need for industry participation. "I would like to encourage the Texas onion industry to get involved."

Cargil said Texas onions are inspected for consistent grade and size standards. "Without enforceable standards, the STOC ensures the best Texas onions are sent to market and thus ensure the best possible price for all of our growers. Plus, the marketing undertaken by STOC is to the benefit of Texas onion growers and shippers. If you have ideas on how you think Texas onion marketing should be shaped, being a part of this committee is crucial."

STOC has scheduled a nomination meeting for districts 1 and 2 on Tuesday, Feb. 28 via Zoom. The Texas onion industry is invited to attend. For those interested in participating or with questions about eligibility requirements for serving on the committee, contact Lilly Garcia or Petey Garza at 956/584-9331 or stoc@texipa.org for more information.

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