



## Nominees Announced for Dairy Farmers of WI Board

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MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection announced today that 13 nominees are certified eligible for the Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin 2018 board election.

Formerly known as the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board, the organization recently changed its name as part of a rebranding effort. While the organization’s legal name remains Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board, it will be doing business as Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin.

The following candidates, listed by district, are certified as eligible for election:

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| District 2  | Florence, Forest, Langlade, Marinette, Oconto, and Vilas counties<br>Nominee – Connie Seefeldt, Coleman  |
| District 5  | St. Croix, Dunn counties<br>Nominees – Kay Zwald, Hammond; Rachel Kummer, Mondovi  |
| District 8  | Marathon County<br>Nominee – Steven Sternweis, Marshfield  |
| District 11 | Outagamie and Winnebago counties<br>Nominee – Mike Verhasselt, Kaukauna  |
| District 14 | Jackson, LaCrosse and Trempealeau counties<br>Nominees – Patricia Kling, Taylor; Louisa Peterson, Bangor   |
| District 17 | Calumet and Manitowoc counties<br>Nominee – Julie Maurer, Newton   |
| District 20 | Richland and Sauk counties<br>Nominee – Sharon Laubscher, Wonewoc  |
| District 23 | Iowa and Lafayette counties<br>Nominees – Jay Stauffacher, Darlington; Deborah Nelson, Arena;<br>Jerry Zander, Barneveld; Brenda Yager, Highland |

DATCP confirmed that each candidate is an active dairy producer or representative of an affected producer, who sells milk into commercial channels and lives in the district up for election. In addition, DATCP certified each candidate’s nomination form, which included five signatures from active dairy producers within the district and a notarized “Affidavit of Eligibility” requirement.

To vote, DATCP is distributing mail-in ballots to dairy producers who live within the eight affected districts. Producers who do not receive a ballot by May 10 should contact Debbie Gegare, the Market Orders Program Coordinator at (608) 224-5116 or [Debbie.Gegare@Wisconsin.gov](mailto:Debbie.Gegare@Wisconsin.gov) to request a ballot. The election period runs through May 25, with results announced the end of May. For more election information, visit [www.wisconsinmilk.org/elections](http://www.wisconsinmilk.org/elections).

DATCP administers elections for Wisconsin commodity marketing boards. To learn more about the market order boards, visit [https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/About\\_Us/MarketingBoards.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/About_Us/MarketingBoards.aspx)