



## Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin Board Election Under Way

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MADISON – Dairy farmers in eight Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board (WMMB) d/b/a/ Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin districts have until May 25 to vote for candidates for eight open seats in the current election. The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection mailed ballots to eligible dairy producers in the affected districts the first week of May and will accept ballots now until May 25, 2018.

Here are the candidates, listed by district:

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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 |

Eligible producer who have not received a ballot by May 10 can contact Debbie Gegare, Market Orders Program Coordinator 608-224-5116 or [Debbie.gegare@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Debbie.gegare@wisconsin.gov) to request a ballot. Completed ballots must be signed and sent to WI DATCP, Marketing Order Program, P.O. Box 8911, Madison, WI 53708-8911. The ballots must be postmarked on or before May 25. Unsigned ballots will not be counted.

To view the candidate biographies and more information on the Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin election, visit [www.wisconsinmilk.org/elections](http://www.wisconsinmilk.org/elections).

Elected producers will serve three-year terms beginning July 1, 2018.

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