



Dairy Farmers of WI 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 24 to vote for candidates for eight open seats in the current election. The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) mailed ballots to eligible dairy producers in the affected districts this week.

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

- District 3 Lincoln, Oneida, Price and Taylor counties
 Nominee – Mark Leder – Gleason
- District 6 Chippewa and Eau Claire counties
 Nominees – Jaclyn Backhaus, Boyd, and Douglas Danielson, Cadott
- District 9 Shawano and Waupaca counties
 Nominees – Donald Robaidek, Pulaski, and Jeff Strassburg, Wittenberg
- District 12 Portage, Waushara and Wood counties
 Nominees – Ken Heiman, Marshfield, and Steve Pankratz, Marshfield
- District 15 Adams, Juneau and Monroe counties
 Nominee – Mary Cook, Wilton
- District 18 Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Sheboygan, Washington and Waukesha counties
 Nominee – Dean Strauss, Sheboygan Falls
- District 21 Crawford and Vernon counties
 Nominees – Gail Klinkner, Viroqua, Kevin Wallaser, Desoto, and Danika Wehling, Westby
- District 24 Dane and Jefferson counties
 Nominees – Virgil Haag, Mount Horeb, and Tina Hinchley, Cambridge

Eligible producers who have not received a ballot by May 10 can request a ballot by contacting Debbie Gegare, Market Orders program coordinator, at 608-224-5116 or Debbie.gegare@wisconsin.gov. 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 candidate biographies and for more information on the DFW election, visit www.wisconsinagriculture.org/elections. Elected producers will serve three-year terms starting July 1, 2019.

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