Nomination Period Open for Ginseng Board of Wisconsin Election

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MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is accepting nominations through March 29, 2024 for three seats on the Ginseng Board of Wisconsin.

DATCP will mail nomination forms to eligible growers. Growers must sign, notarize, and postmark completed nomination forms by March 29, 2024 and include signatures from at least five eligible growers other than the nominee. Producers should mail completed forms to Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Market Order Program, P.O. Box 8911, Madison, WI 53708-8911. Growers who have not received a nomination form by March 15, 2024 or who have other questions about the nomination process should email <u>DATCPMarketOrders@wisconsin.gov</u>.

DATCP will conduct the Ginseng Board of Wisconsin election from May 10 through June 15, 2024. Elected growers will serve three-year terms beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027.

About the Ginseng Board of Wisconsin

The Ginseng Board of Wisconsin is composed of seven at-large producers who are responsible for administering Wisconsin's Ginseng Marketing Order. The board oversees the collection and use of approximately \$240,000 in assessment fees paid by Wisconsin ginseng growers. This funding is used to support the industry through research, education, and promotion of Wisconsin-grown ginseng.

DATCP administers elections for Wisconsin commodity marketing boards. To learn more about the market order boards, visit

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