## Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

## Nomination Period Open for Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin Board of Directors Election

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MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is accepting nominations for eight seats on the Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin (DFW) Board of Directors. Nominations will be accepted from March 1 through March 30, 2024.

The eight districts up for election are:

- District 2 Forest, Florence, Langlade, Marinette, Oconto, and Vilas counties
- District 5 Dunn and St. Croix counties
- District 8 Marathon County
- District 11 Outagamie and Winnebago counties
- District 14 Jackson, La Crosse, and Trempealeau counties
- District 17 Calumet and Manitowoc counties
- District 20 Richland and Sauk counties
- District 23 Iowa and Lafayette counties

DFW directors guide the organization's finances, formulate and set policies, develop long-range business plans, and maintain its mission. DFW aims to be an advocate, marketer, and promoter for Wisconsin dairy farmers and drive demand for Wisconsin's dairy products. Through these initiatives, DFW directors have the opportunity to represent Wisconsin dairy producers and products, as well as be involved in activities that inform consumers about the dairy industry and its economic impact.

DATCP will mail nomination forms to eligible producers. Eligible nominees must be an active dairy producer who sells milk into commercial channels and lives in one of the affected districts. Producers must sign, notarize, and postmark completed nomination forms by March 30, 2024 and include signatures from at least five eligible producers other than the nominee.

Nomination materials are available at <a href="http://www.wisconsindairy.org/board-of-directors/elections">http://www.wisconsindairy.org/board-of-directors/elections</a>. Printed copies can be requested by emailing <a href="mailto:DATCPMarketOrders@wisconsin.gov">DATCPMarketOrders@wisconsin.gov</a>.

DATCP will conduct the DFW Board of Directors election from May 1 through May 24, 2024. Elected producers will serve three-year terms beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027.

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

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