Nomination Period Open for Wisconsin Cherry Board 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 two seats on the Wisconsin Cherry Board.

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 10, 2024, or who have other questions about the nomination process, should email <u>DATCPMarketOrders@wisconsin.gov</u>.

DATCP will conduct the Wisconsin Cherry Board 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 Wisconsin Cherry Board

The Wisconsin Cherry Board is composed of five at-large members that are responsible for administering Wisconsin's Cherry Marketing Order. The board oversees the collection and use of approximately \$55,000 in assessment fees paid by Wisconsin cherry growers. This funding is used to support the cherry industry through research, education, and promotion of Wisconsin-grown cherries.

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

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