



## 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](mailto: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](http://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](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/About_Us/MarketingBoards.aspx)