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

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Correction: This press release was updated to reflect the correct number of districts up for election.

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is accepting nominations through March 31, 2023 for nine seats on the Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin (DFW) board of directors.

The nine districts up for election are:

- District 1 Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Rusk, Sawyer and Washburn counties
- District 4 Barron and Polk counties
- District 7 Clark County
- District 10 Brown, Door, and Kewaunee counties
- District 13 Buffalo, Pepin and Pierce counties
- District 16 Fond du Lac, Green Lake and Marquette counties
- District 19 Columbia and Dodge counties
- District 22 Grant County
- District 25 Green, Rock and Walworth 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 31, 2023 and include signatures from at least five eligible producers other than the nominee.

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

DATCP will conduct the DFW board of directors election from May 1 to May 26, 2023. Elected producers will serve three-year terms beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026.

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.

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