Wisconsin Cranberry Marketing Board Election Open Until August 15

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MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) has certified six nominees who are eligible to be elected to two seats on the Wisconsin Cranberry Marketing Board.

Candidates were nominated during the period that ended May 31, 2024. The election opened on July 10 and cranberry growers will have until August 15, 2024, to vote on the following candidates:

- David J. Bartling, Manitowish Waters
- Reanna Beck, Warrens
- Asa Bennett, Wisconsin Rapids
- Nathan Grygleski, Tomah
- Nicole Hansen, Necedah
- Sean O'Brien, Manitowish Waters

DATCP mailed ballots to eligible cranberry growers the week of July 8, 2024. Growers who have not received a ballot by July 19 can request one by contacting DATCP Market Orders Program staff at <u>DATCPMarketOrders@wisconsin.gov</u>. Completed ballots must be mailed to WI DATCP, Market Order Program, P.O. Box 8911, Madison, WI, 53708 and postmarked on or before August 15, 2024.

Elected growers will serve three-year terms beginning September 1, 2024.

About the Wisconsin Cranberry Marketing Board

The Wisconsin Cranberry Marketing Board is composed of seven growers across the state. The board oversees the collection and use of approximately \$385,000 in assessment fees paid by Wisconsin cranberry growers. This funding is used to support the cranberry industry through research, education, and the promotion of Wisconsin-grown cranberries.

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