Election Period Now Open for Wisconsin Ginseng Board

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MADISON – Wisconsin ginseng growers have until June 10, 2017 to vote to elect two new members to the seven-member Ginseng Board of Wisconsin. Eligible growers may vote for two of the three growers nominated during the period that ended April 1, 2017, or they may write in alternative producers.

The candidates whose names are on the ballot are: Aaron Kaiser, Edgar; Robert Kaldunski, Edgar; and Toufue Xiong, Wausau.

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is mailing ballots to producers the week of May 15. Ballots must be emailed or postmarked by June 10, 2017. Elected producers will serve a 3-year term beginning July 1 and ending June 30, 2020.

Growers who have questions or who do not receive a ballot by May 22 can contact DATCP's Market Orders Program Director, Debbie Gegare, at 608-224-5116 or Debbie.Gegare@Wisconsin.gov.

The Ginseng Board of Wisconsin is responsible for administering Wisconsin's Ginseng Marketing Order. The board secures and distributes funding for research, education and promotion of Wisconsin-grown ginseng. DATCP administers elections for all Wisconsin market orders. To learn more about the market order boards, visit <u>https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/About_Us/MarketingBoards.aspx</u>

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