

Dept. of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection: Wisconsin potato board election open until June 10

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MADISON – Wisconsin potato growers have until June 10, 2017 to vote to elect three new members to the nine-member Wisconsin Potato Industry Board. One seat is open in each of the board's three districts. Eligible growers may vote for the candidate in their respective districts, or they may write in alternative eligible producers. Candidates were nominated during the period that ended April 1, 2017.

Nominees on the ballot are:

District 1: Nominee: Tom Wild, Antigo. (District 1 includes: Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Brown, Burnett, Chippewa, Clark, Door, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Florence, Forest, Iron, Kewaunee, Langlade, Lincoln, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Oneida, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, St. Croix, Taylor, Vilas, and Washburn counties.)

District 2: Nominee: William Wysocki, Plover. (District 2 includes: Marathon, Outagamie, Portage, Shawano, Waupaca and Waushara counties.)

District 3: Nominee: Heidi Randall, Cambria. (District 3 includes: Adams, Buffalo, Calumet, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Grant, Green, Green Lake,

Iowa, Jackson, Jefferson, Juneau, Kenosha, LaCrosse, Lafayette, Manitowoc, Marquette, Milwaukee, Monroe, Ozaukee, Racine, Richland, Rock, Sauk, Sheboygan, Trempealeau, Vernon, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha, Winnebago and Wood counties.)

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 three-year terms beginning July 1 and ending June 30, 2020.

Growers with questions or who have not received a ballot by May 22 can contact DATCP's Market Orders Program Director, Debbie Gegare, at [608-224-5116](tel:608-224-5116) or Debbie.Gegare@Wisconsin.gov.

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