



Milk Marketing Board Election Results Announced

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MADISON – Ben Brancel, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), has certified the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board (WMMB) 2017 Board of Directors election results. Commencing July 1, 2017, the following dairy producers (representing the indicated districts) will begin a three-year term as elected members of the WMMB:

- District 1, representing Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Rusk, Sawyer and Washburn counties
Ben Peterson of Grantsburg
- District 4, representing Barron and Polk counties
Audrey Kusilek of Rice Lake
- District 7, representing Clark County
David Bangart of Greenwood
- District 10, representing Brown, Door and Kewaunee counties
Julie Veldhuis of Kewaunee
- District 13, representing Buffalo, Pierce and Pepin counties
Robert Sendelbach of Cochrane
- District 16, representing Fond du Lac, Green Lake and Marquette counties
Janet Clark of Rosendale
- District 19, representing Columbia and Dodge counties
Becky Levzow of Rio
- District 22, representing Grant County
Ann Kieler of Platteville
- District 25, representing Green, Rock and Walworth counties
Stacy Eberle of Monroe

WMMB directors guide the organization's finances, formulate and set its policies and long-range business plan, and maintain its mission: *To help grow demand for Wisconsin milk by providing programs that enhance the competitiveness of the Wisconsin Dairy Industry.* Through these initiatives, a WMMB director has the opportunity to represent Wisconsin dairy producers and products, as well as become involved in activities that inform and educate consumers.

About the 2017 Election

There were 11 certified candidates running for nine board member positions. Of the 3,477 dairy producers living in the election districts, per DATCP records, 11.8% returned ballots. That number is down from 12% in 2016, 13% in 2015, 15% in 2014 and 21% in 2013. District 16, which had two candidates, recorded the most election participation with 22.9% of eligible producers in that district voting. The election closed May 25, 2017. For more information on WMMB and the 2017 election, visit www.WMMB.com/election. This site also contains newly elected director biography information.

MEDIA NOTE: Candidate photos are available online at: www.wmmb.com/ElectionPhotos