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Invitation to Nominate Dairy Producers to Serve as Members
Of the National Dairy Promotion and Research Board

The terms of office for 13 members of the National Dairy Promotion and Research Board (Board) will expire on October 31, 2016. A reapportionment review of importer member representation, as required by the National Dairy Promotion and Research Order, determined that the number of importer board members should be reduced from two importer members to one importer member. Additionally, a reapportionment review of domestic producer members determined that the number of domestic producer members and regions should be maintained. Accordingly, nominations for the 12 expiring producer positions are being solicited and nominations are not being solicited for the expiring importer member position.

Enclosed is a press release requesting that dairy producers and other interested parties nominate candidates for the Board. Five members will be appointed for Region 2, and one member for each of the remaining regions. Nominees should be willing to give about 25 days per year of their time to attend scheduled Board meetings and other related functions. All nominees must be in good standing with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Members whose terms expire October 31, 2016, are:

Region 2	Carol L. Ahlem, California
Region 2	Christopher J. Brazil, California
Region 2	Brian O. Medeiros, California
Region 2	Lisa Vander Eyk, California
Region 2*	Renae A. De Jager, California
Region 3*	Jeffrey A. Hardy, Utah
Region 4	Eddie S. Schaap, New Mexico
Region 6	Sarah E. Lloyd, Wisconsin
Region 9	Cheryl L. Chapin, Michigan
Region 10*	Zachary H. Myers, North Carolina
Region 11*	David P. Crowl, Maryland
Region 12*	Sanford Stauffer, New York

* Members not eligible for re-nomination to serve a second 3-year term.

Dairy Producer Nomination Information

You may nominate a dairy producer(s) for each of the 12 expiring positions in each of the regions where your organization conducts business. The person(s) nominated must produce milk in the region for which they are nominated.

If there is more than one organization representing producers in a specific region, they may caucus and jointly nominate a producer(s) for each position representing that region on the Board for which a member is to be appointed. If a caucus is held, the caucus chairperson should

prepare and submit a separate nomination form for each nominee on behalf of the caucus. It is not necessary for each organization participating in the caucus to submit nominations if it is in agreement with the caucus. If nominations are submitted as a result of a caucus, we encourage the nomination of more than one producer for each position on the Board. If joint agreement is not reached with respect to any such nominations, or if there is no caucus held, each eligible organization should submit to the Secretary a nomination for each appointment to be made to represent that region.

If you wish to nominate a dairy producer(s), please submit a completed and signed copy of the enclosed nomination and background information forms for each nominee by September 28, 2016, to:

Promotion, Research, and Planning Division
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USDA's programs are open to all individuals without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or familial status. We especially urge women, minorities, and persons with disabilities to participate, recognizing their frequent under-representation on such public boards. It is USDA's policy that membership on industry-governed boards and committees reflect, to the extent practicable, the diversity of individuals served by the programs.

If you have any questions, please contact the Promotion, Research, and Planning Division at (202) 720-1069 or via email at jill.hoover@ams.usda.gov.

Sincerely,

Whitney Rick
Director
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Enclosures - (Press Release), (Nomination Form), (Background Information Form)