



State of Wisconsin  
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**Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection**  
Secretary-designee Randy Romanski

**DATE:** July 21, 2020

**TO:** Board of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

**FROM:** Randy Romanski, Secretary-designee

**SUBJECT:** 2020 Appointments to Standing Advisory Councils created by DATCP

**PRESENTED BY:** Angela James, Deputy Secretary

**SUMMARY / BACKGROUND:**

At the July 23, 2020 meeting, the Board is asked to confirm appointments for the Department's Standing Advisory Councils. Standing Advisory Councils are created by DATCP under the general authority of s. 15.04(1)(c) to advise the department. Members on these standing councils are appointed by the Secretary with the approval of the DATCP Board.

Agricultural Chemical Clean Up Council:

*Approves cost recovery for sites engaging in pesticide and fertilizer spill clean ups to prevent them from contaminating groundwater.*

- Marv Prestrud
  - Representing Farmers
  - Reappointed
  - Term Expires June, 2022
- Benjamin Nelson
  - Representing Environmental Consultants
  - Reappointed
  - Term Expires June 2022
- Joe Sikora
  - Representing Pesticide Dealers and Commercial Applicators
  - Reappointed
  - Term Expires June, 2022

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Wisconsin Organic Advisory Council:

*Gives guidance to the governor, DATCP, the Wisconsin Legislature and other state or federal agencies about actions that could further Wisconsin's organic agriculture industry.*

- Paul Bickford (Meadowlark Organics, Ridgeway)
  - Representing Farmers
  - New Appointee
  - Term expires July, 2023
- Paul Maggio (Starry Nights Farm, Kenosha)
  - Representing Organic Business
  - New Appointee
  - Term expires July, 2023
- Kristopher Olson (Nature's International Certification Services, Viroqua)
  - Representing Business
  - New Appointee
  - Term Expires July, 2023
- Harriet Behar (Organic Farmers Association Governing Council-Sweet Springs Farm, Gays Mills)
  - Representing non-profit
  - Reappointed
  - Term Expires July, 2023
- Mark Doudlah (FarmRite Organics, Evansville)
  - Representing Farmer at Large
  - Reappointed
  - Term Expires July, 2023

Agricultural Producer Security Council:

*Provides expertise and guidance to DATCP on actions that can be taken to advance an integrated produce safety system in Wisconsin.*

- Dave Daniels
  - Representing Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation
  - Reappointed
  - Term Expires June, 2023
- Jennifer Wickman
  - Representing Cooperative Network
  - New appointee
  - Term expires June, 2023
- Nick Brekken
  - Representing Wisconsin Potato and Vegetable Growers Association
  - New appointee
  - Term expires June 2023
- Steve Trzebiakowski
  - Representing Wisconsin Corn Growers Assoc. and Wisconsin Soybean Assoc.
  - New Appointee
  - Term Expires June, 2023
- Don Hamm
  - Representing National Farmers Organization
  - Reappointed
  - Term Expires June, 2023
- Howard Hartmann
  - Representing Wisconsin Agri-Business Association
  - Reappointed
  - Term Expires June 2020

Wisconsin Produce Safety Advisory Council:

*Provides expertise and guidance to DATCP on actions that can be taken to advance an integrated produce safety system in Wisconsin.*

- Wayne Geist (Bushel and a Peck Orchard)
  - Representing Produce Farmer
  - Reappointed
  - Term Expires July, 2022

- Derrick Smit (Alsum Farms)
  - Representing Business
  - Reappointed
  - Term Expires July, 2022

#### Wisconsin Fertilizer Research Council

*Recommends research projects to be conducted with fertilizer research funds collected by DATCP in the form of tonnage fees on fertilizer sales. Funds are forwarded to the University of Wisconsin to be used for research on soil management, soil fertility, plant nutrition problems, groundwater problems that may be related to fertilizer usage, and other purposes designated by statute, subject to the recommendations of the Fertilizer Research Council.*

- Rod Grunz
  - Representing Crop Producer/Farmers
  - Reappointed
  - Term Expires June, 2022
- Joe Kennicker
  - Representing Fertilizer Industry
  - Reappointed
  - Term Expires June, 2022
- Andrew Craig
  - Representing Water Quality Interests
  - New Appointee to replace Aaron O'Rourke's term
  - Term expires June, 2022