## Organic Advisory Council Nominations Due March 31

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MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is accepting nominations for the Wisconsin Organic Advisory Council (OAC) until March 31, 2025. Seats are available in each of the following categories: organic farmer, organic business, organic consumer, and at-large. Members serve three-year terms, and the council meets at least four times per year.

A committee of DATCP staff and current OAC members will evaluate nominees and make recommendations for appointment to DATCP Secretary Randy Romanski. New members will start their term at the July 2025 Wisconsin Organic Advisory Council meeting.

Nomination forms should explain why nominees would be valuable additions to the council. Completed nomination forms must be mailed to Cassi Miller, DATCP, P.O. Box 8911, Madison, WI 53708, or emailed to <a href="mailer@wisconsin.gov">cassi.miller@wisconsin.gov</a> by March 31, 2025. Contact Cassi Miller at (608) 259-0208 or <a href="mailer@wisconsin.gov">cassi.miller@wisconsin.gov</a> with questions.

Nomination materials and more information on the council are available at <a href="https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/OrganicAdvisoryCouncil.aspx">https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/OrganicAdvisoryCouncil.aspx</a>.

## **About the Wisconsin Organic Advisory Council**

The Wisconsin Organic Advisory Council brings together public and private resources to promote Wisconsin's national leadership in organic agriculture. By advising the DATCP Secretary and other organizations and agencies on critical organic issues, the council supports organic production, processing, and purchasing opportunities for Wisconsin farmers, processors, and consumers.

The OAC represents Wisconsin's organic industry with the following 12 members:

- Three certified organic farmers, preferably reflecting several farm types (dairy, vegetable, etc.)
- Three representatives from the organic business sector
- One representative of organic consumers
- One representative of a private, nonprofit, educational organization involved in organic agriculture
- One representative of the organic certification industry
- Three at-large members

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