Nominations Open for the Wisconsin Cherry Board

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MADISON – The nomination period for an open seat on the Wisconsin Cherry Board is about to begin. The Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) will be accepting nominations April 9-25.

The Wisconsin Cherry Board has five members who represent the state's cherry growers in promotion, new product development, research and education. Each director serves a three-year term.

The term of Jim Seaquist is ending. He is eligible for nomination again. Other members of the Wisconsin Cherry Board include: Lee Petrina, Curtis Wiltse, Dan Krowas and Glen Musil.

Wisconsin farmers harvested 6.7 million pounds of tart cherries in 2011, up 18-percent from 2010, on 1,700 acres. The value of production for fresh and processed Wisconsin tart cherries was \$1.91 million in 2011.

Elections will be held May 23-June 13. For a nomination form, contact DATCP's Noel Favia at 608-224-5140 or noel.favia@wi.gov. You can also connect with DATCP on Twitter at twitter.com/widatcp or Facebook at facebook.com/widatcp.

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