



## Four New to Ag Education & Workforce Development Council

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MADISON – Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) Secretary Ben Brancel has appointed four new individuals to the Wisconsin Agricultural Education and Workforce Development Council. These representatives will serve to achieve the Council’s mission of attracting, developing and retaining the premium workforce required to grow Wisconsin’s agricultural industry, food and natural resources systems.

The four appointments include:

**Terri Dallas**, Shawano, is the Vice President of Information and Public Relations with Cooperative Resources International (CRI) and manages a staff of 18 employees. Dallas grew up on a registered dairy farm and has been employed in the agriculture field for 29 years. She is a leader on several boards and foundations, including The Cooperative Network Board and The Cooperative Foundation. Dallas holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of Minnesota.

**Liz Henry**, Dane, is Vice President of Henry Farms, LLC, a 2,000 acre seed corn operation in south central WI and the Associate Director of the Renk Agribusiness Institute at the University of Wisconsin-Madison where she develops executive education for agribusiness, agricultural economic analyses and business outreach programs. She has a Bachelor of Science and Master’s in Business Administration from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Henry has served on the Madison Area Technical College, Easter Seals of Wisconsin and the AgrAbility boards.

**Corey Kuchta**, Coleman, is the Agriculture Market Leader for the Wisconsin Public Service and owns a hundred head beef operation in partnership with his father and brother. Since starting his career at Wisconsin Public Service 16 years ago, Kuchta has completed his associate, bachelor and master degrees while working full-time. He is active in leadership positions in several state and national organizations, including serving as past Board President of the Midwest Rural Energy Council.

**Tony Savarin**, Plover, works as the Human Resource Business Partner with McCain Foods where he manages the entire human resources team along with training and development. Savarin’s career has included extensive international travel to foreign countries. He holds a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science from Northern Michigan University. Savarin is currently participating with the Workforce Central CEO Peer Council advocating food manufacturing science.

Three representatives on the Wisconsin Agricultural Education and Workforce Development Council ended their terms last month and were recognized by DATCP Deputy Secretary Jeff Lyon at the quarterly meeting for their service to the state. Individuals recognized for their commitment and time on the Council include: Al Herman, Mark MacPhail and Doug Wilson.



Terri Dallas, Liz Henry, Corey Kuchta and Tony Savarin were recently appointed to the Wisconsin Agricultural Education and Workforce Development Council.



Deputy Secretary Jeff Lyon recognized Doug Wilson, Mark MacPhail and Al Herman for their service and commitment on the Council during the quarterly meeting in June.

Brancel has also reappointed Andrea Brossard, Earl Gustafson and Richard Miller to another term on the Council. Each is now beginning a three-year term.

The Wisconsin Agricultural Education and Workforce Development Council was created by Wisconsin Act 223. Appointees to the Council work together to recommend policies and initiatives, encourage youth to pursue related careers, facilitate public and private partnerships, recruit qualified workers and offer professional development.

For more on the Wisconsin Agricultural Education and Workforce Development Council, visit [wiaglink.org](http://wiaglink.org).

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