

## Nominating Committee Candidates - Region 1

The following candidates have been nominated for the 2010 Nominating Committee:

(6 open positions per region)

**Becker, Thomas**, Turtle Lake, WI - Dairy Operation partnership (130 head of Holstein replacements and steers, also supplies the feed, facilities and equipment) and grain operation of corn, snap beans and wheat on 500 acres; 28+ years farming experience; Member of church board, executive resolutions, local coop board and strong 4-H program supporter.

**Caughey, Rosanne**, Fort Ripley, MN (Incumbent)- Dairy and Beef Operation (60 cow dairy herd, 130 beef cows and calves, 1400 farmed acres); 33 years farming experience; Member of Farm Bureau, Crow Wing County American Dairy Association, Christian Mothers, Council of Catholic Women and FFA Alumni.

**Foust, Sandra**, Pierz, MN (Incumbent) - Dairy Operation (65 cows plus 35 youngstock, along with a few steers, 10 Clydesdale horses and 500 acres of crop ground); 39 years farming experience; Member of Crow Wing County American Dairy Association, active church member and strong supporter of the 4-H program through leasing of calves.

**Graese, Lee**, Rice Lake, WI - Bison operation (600 head, 1200 acres, includes processing plant and marketing of product); 28 years farming experience; Member of National Bison Association, Maranatha Evangelical Free Church, Wisconsin Association of Meat Processors, National Federation of Independent Business, Wisconsin Independent Businesses Inc.

**Lieser, Corrine**, Belgrade, MN (Incumbent) - Dairy and Grain Operation (50 cows plus replacements, raise corn alfalfa and oats); 39 years farming experience (born and raised on a farm); Member of Midwest Dairy Association, Genex, Bongards, St. Michael's Catholic Church, St. Ann's Christian Women.

**Martin, Bruce**, Pillager, MN- Dairy operation (220 milking cows plus youngstock, 700 acres of corn and alfalfa); 31 years farming experience; Member of the AMPI corporate board, Dairy Herd Improvement Association and in previous years, activity on various school and church boards.

**Scapanski, Kathy**, Sauk Rapids, MN (Incumbent) - Dairy and Grain Operation (200 cows plus all youngstock to equal 500 head, 900 acres farmed that includes corn, beans and barley); 33 years farming experience; Member of Annunciation Church Mayhew Lake, and Farm Bureau.

**Smelter, Pat**, Foley, MN - Dairy Operation (40 cows, 40 young stock, 200 acres of corn and hay); 40 years farming experience; Member of Benton County American Dairy Association Board, Roses Association, Church Council and treasurer of Alberta Township.

**Welle, Kenneth**, Little Falls, MN (Incumbent) - Dairy (55 cows, 30 steers, 68 youngstock) and Grain Operation (400 acres of corn and alfalfa); 35 years farming experience; Member of Centra Sota Board of Directors, Creameries Blending Board of Directors, and volunteer with Morrison County American Dairy Association.

**Yorek, Frank**, Little Falls, MN- Dairy operation in a partnership with brother and 4 sons, 2 belonging to each brother (688 cows, 585 youngstock, 766 acres farmed); 36 years farming experience; Member of Elmdale Creamery Association and Our Lady Lourdes Catholic Church.