

*Districts by County and Township

District 1: Becker, Beltrami, Cass, Clay, Clearwater, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Mahanomen, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Roseau, Wadena

District 2: Aitkin, Anoka, Benton, Carlton, Chisago, Cook, Isanti, Itasca, Kanabec, Koochiching, Lake, Mille Lacs, Pine, Sherburn, St. Louis, Washington

District 3: Grant, Otter Tail, Stevens, Traverse, Wilkin

District 4: Todd

District 5: Morrison

District 6: Big Stone, Chippewa, Douglas, Kandiyohi, Lac Qui Parle, Pope, Swift, Yellow Medicine

District 7: Stearns Townships: Ashley, Crow Lake, Crow River, Getty, Lake George, Lake Henry, Meire Grove, Melrose, Millwood, North Fork, Oak, Raymond, Sauk Centre, Spring Hill, St. Martin

District 8: Hennepin, Meeker, Ramsey, Wright

District 9: Stearns Townships: Albany, Avon, Brockway, Colledgeville, Eden Lake, Fair Haven, Farming, Holding, Krain, LeSauk, Luxemburg, Lynden, Maine Prairie, Munson, Paynesville, Rockville, St. Augusta, St. Cloud, St. Joseph, St. Wendel, Wakefield, Zion

District 10: Carver, McLeod, Sibley

District 11: Cottonwood, Jackson, Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Renville, Rock

District 12: Dodge, Faribault, Freeborn, Martin, Mower, Steele, Waseca

District 13: Blue Earth, Brown, Le Sueur, Nicollet, Scott, Watonwan

District 14: Olmsted, Wabasha

District 15: Dakota, Goodhue, Rice

District 16: Fillmore, Houston

District 17: Winona

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Questions?

Nominating Committee Chairs

District	Chair	Phone
01	Kristi Steinmetz Briard	(218) 935-5064
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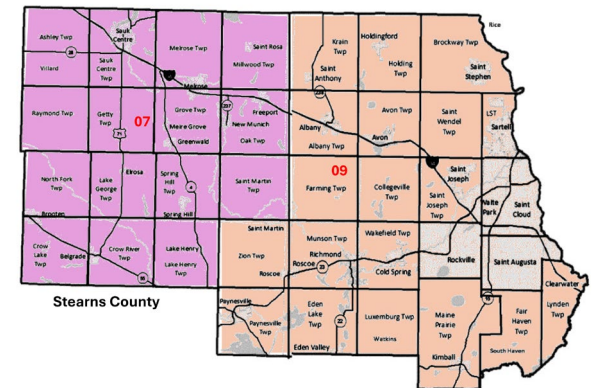
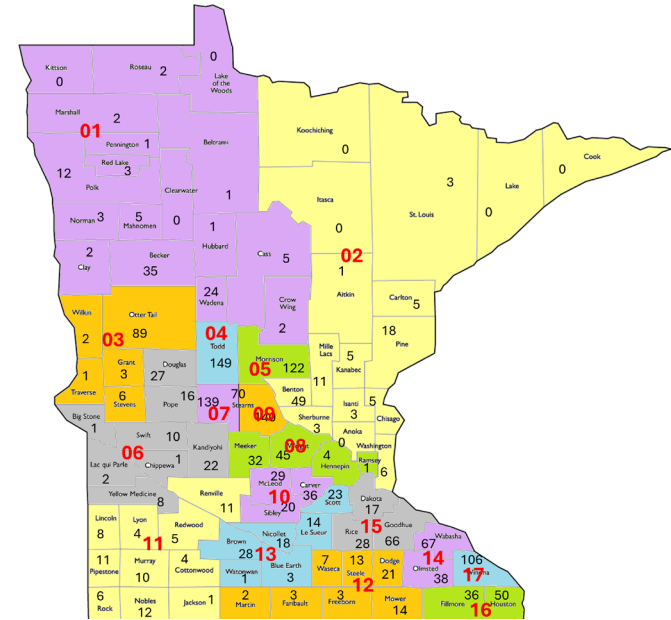
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2025 Candidate Brochure



Minnesota Dairy Research and Promotion Council



All Districts in 2025

What is MDPC?

Minnesota Dairy Research and Promotion Council (MDPC) was established in 1969 under Minnesota State Law to promote the use, sale and consumption of bovine dairy products by acting separately or partnering with other agencies and organizations. Funding is provided through a federally mandated dairy checkoff program.

MDPC is geographically divided into 17 districts. In alternating years, the even and odd numbered districts will hold elections for two-year terms.*

MPDC/Midwest Dairy Relationship

MDPC has contracted with Midwest Dairy to implement and administer dairy promotion, research and educational programs. Midwest Dairy is a non-profit organization that is financed and directed by the dairy producers of Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and part of Oklahoma. Midwest Dairy implements programs that help increase demand for dairy products and help improve the economic well-being of Midwest dairy producers.

Under the terms of the contract, Midwest Dairy also provides MDPC with administrative, financial and reporting services.

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MDPC Board Responsibilities

- Seat members
- Elect officers
- Set MDPC budget & approve contracts
- Review MDPC audit
- Report to legislature
- Consider MN Dept of Ag initiatives
- Serve on the Midwest Dairy Minnesota Division Board

Qualifications to Serve

- Dairy industry knowledge
- Interest in dairy promotion
- Leadership experience
- At least 18 years of age
- Own/operate a Minnesota dairy operation, and;
- Share in the risk of loss from such operation, and;
- Produce(d) cow's milk during the current or preceding market year (Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 of this year)

Term

- Two-years*

Compensation

- MDPC meeting held in conjunction with Midwest Dairy Minnesota Division board meeting (usual): per diem + travel time + mileage based on current IRS rate
- MDPC meeting only (infrequent): State of Minnesota per diem + expenses

Election Timeline

Oct 18	Deadline to communicate your desire to serve to your District Nominating Committee Chair
Oct 31	Deadline to complete & submit Candidate Certification Form and Biographical Form
Late Dec	Ballots are mailed to all Minnesota dairy producers
Early Jan	Return ballots
Early Feb	Election results and notification process
March/April	First MDPC/ MN Division meeting of the year

Time Commitments

- Meetings 4x year (March/April; June/July; August; October/November)
- MDPC meetings last about one hour and are held in conjunction with Minnesota Division Board meetings which are day-long meetings typically in the Twin Cities
- The March/April meeting is held in conjunction with the Midwest Dairy Annual Meeting, a 2 ½ day meeting