PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Marketing Program for Illinois Corn, notice is hereby given that petitions to become a candidate for District Director on the Illinois Corn Marketing Board (ICMB) are available in the following ICMB Districts:

CORN MARKETING BOARD

District 2: Carroll, Jo Daviess, Ogle, Stephenson, Winnebago

District 5: Grundy, Kankakee, LaSalle, Livingston

District 8: Cass, Fulton, Logan, Mason, Menard, Peoria, Tazewell

District 11: Christian, Effingham, Fayette, Montgomery, Shelby

District 14: Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, St. Clair, Washington

Petitions are available through the Illinois Corn Marketing Board or at the Illinois Department of Agriculture in Springfield. In order to have their name placed on the ballot, these petitions must be completed and filed with the Director of the Illinois Department of Agriculture in Springfield, Illinois, no later than 5:00 PM, May 15, 2021.

To be eligible to become a candidate for election, a person must be an affected producer, residing in the State of Illinois and the District for which such person is petitioning, and of legal voting age. Typically, the candidates' petitions must carry the signatures of at least 200 (or 5%, whichever is less) of qualified producers from the same given district in which the candidate is seeking office. However, due to continued restrictions caused by COVID-19, the Board has decided to allow all candidates who submit petitions with at least 15% of the required signatures by the May 15 petition deadline to be included on the ballot.

Any person deciding to run as a write-in candidate must also meet the eligibility requirements and submit a Declaration of Intent to the Director no later than 5:00 PM, June 29, 2021.

The election for directors on the Corn Marketing Board will be held on July 6, 2021.

Dated this the 29th. day of March 2021.

Jerry Costello, Acting Director Illinois Department of Agriculture