

12-STATE RULE

The National Pork Board (NPB) must have representation from at least 12 states. The secretary of agriculture must be able to satisfy this requirement from the slate of candidates presented following the ranking by the Delegate Body.

When the outgoing board members and those up for reelection roll off in 2026, the NPB will be represented by these states:

Illinois (2) • Iowa (2) • Kansas • Missouri • Montana • Ohio • Tennessee • Wyoming

Current Board Members

President
Gordon Spronk, MN

Treasurer
Jesse Heimer, MO

Paul Ayers, IL

Patrick Bane, IL

Jeremy Burkett, WY

Seth Krantz, TN

Stewart Leeth, VA

Dwight Mogler, IA

Vice President
Chad Groves, KS

Past President
Al Wulfekuhle, IA

Kevin Rasmussen, IA

John Rauser, MT

Jessica Stevens, OH

Santiago Vazquez, NC

Morgan Wonderly, CA

2026 Candidates for the NPB

The 2025-2026 NPB Nominating committee respectfully submits to the Pork Act delegates the following nine candidates for NPB to the secretary of agriculture:

Emily Arkfeld, MO Gordon Spronk, MN

Will Brunt, NC Todd Wiley, IA

Chad Herring, NC Terry Wolters, SD

Alayne Johnson, IN Morgan Wonderly, CA

Jason Pooley, TN

2026 Seats Up for Reelection: Stewart Leeth, VA; Gordon Spronk, MN; Santiago Vazquez, NC; and Morgan Wonderly, CA

Outgoing Board Members: Al Wulfekuhle, IA

The secretary of agriculture will consider the ranked candidates to fill five 3-year terms.