

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	Vice President Chad Groves, KS
Treasurer Jesse Heimer, MO	Past President Al Wulfekuhle, IA
Paul Ayers, IL	Kevin Rasmussen, IA
Patrick Bane, IL	John Rauser, MT
Jeremy Burkett, WY	Jessica Stevens, OH
Seth Krantz, TN	Santiago Vazquez, NC
Stewart Leeth, VA	Morgan Wonderly, CA
Dwight Mogler, IA	

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	

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

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

Outgoing Board Members: Al Wulfekuhle, IA