

# National Association of State Departments of Agriculture



## Subject of Action Item A:

International Year of the Woman Farmer 2026

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## Corresponding Policy Section & Statement:

Section 16.7 - Diversity, Inclusion, and Racial Equity

## Text of Action Item:

NASDA supports the United Nation's resolution A/RES/78/279 declaring 2026 the International Year of the Woman Farmer as adopted by the General Assembly on May 2, 2024, initiated by the United States, and co-sponsored by 123 countries.

NASDA encourages the U.S. government, which includes the White House, National Security Council, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Department of State, U.S. Agency of International Development, among others, to provide domestic and global leadership in support of the International Year of the Woman Farmer.

NASDA encourages States' implementation of additional programs to help women in agriculture gain access to credit, land, and technology through training,

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including mentorship opportunities. NASDA supports States in developing programs and initiatives to highlight women in agriculture in each State which could include:

- Selecting a woman in agriculture to be highlighted as the Woman Farmer of that State for the year 2026 based on her contributions to U.S. agriculture and her support for other women in agriculture.
- Adding issues for women in agriculture as a central theme to be discussed in conferences; and/or
- Creating programs to train and mentor women in agriculture.

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