



International Year of the Woman Farmer 2026

“For me, being a woman in agriculture means belonging to an incredible community of people. Within our network, the women we work with are endlessly generous, supportive, and resilient. Women have long been the foundation of agriculture in this country and it’s rewarding to see their quiet leadership get the attention they deserve.”

-Allyson Angelini, Full Heart Farm, Connecticut



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“I want the next generation of women in agriculture to know that this work is equal parts grit and grace. . . Trust that you belong here. Agriculture needs your voice, your ideas, your compassion and your strength. Don’t be afraid to ask questions, take up space, or challenge “the way it’s always been done.” Find mentors and be one when it’s your turn. Lean on other women in the field.”

-Brittany Conover, Shaggy Coos Farm & Creamery, Connecticut



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“For women in agriculture, increased access to financial education and mentorship opportunities could make a significant difference. Resources that help women build strong business plans, understand lending criteria and develop confidence in financial management would empower more women to pursue capital with success. Ultimately, capital follows credibility—and when women are equipped with the tools and support to clearly demonstrate the viability and potential of their operations, doors open.”

-Kate Danner, Danner Farm & Danndee Flowers, Illinois

“Women in agriculture, no matter what their role is are a vital component to agriculture. I’m so proud to be a woman who is a first-generation rancher. I juggle our home, our children, a full-time career and our ranch. It’s a lot to juggle but every ounce of me believes in our ranch and way of life.”

-Kate Schnoor-Butler,
Bar Diamond X Ranch,
Nevada



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“The challenges have been real, but so has the empowerment. To stand on my own land, to grow food that sustains thousands of families, and to model for my children—especially my daughter—that women can lead in agriculture is deeply significant. Women have always played essential roles in farming, but too often those roles have been invisible. I’m proud to be part of a movement that brings that leadership into the light.”

-Emma Jagoz, Moon Valley Farm

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“As a woman in agriculture, I willingly offer encouragement to others and am confident that my role is that of steward and ambassador of the field. To help support my farm I hand-craft many body care products from the essential oil I distill after hand harvesting my plants. At vendor events where I sell these products I have the opportunity to share my story with women who may never challenge themselves outside of their comfort zone or take a leap of faith.”

-Vicki Wissler, Lavender Meadows, LLC, Ohio



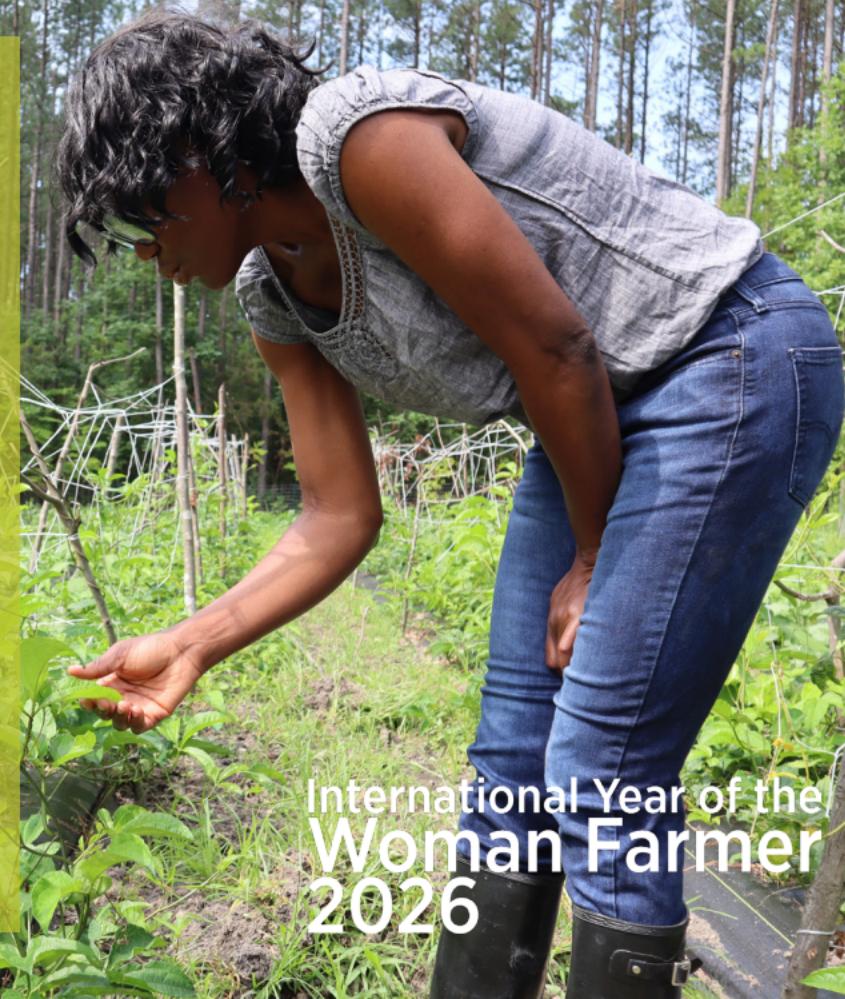
“Being a woman in agriculture means joining a group of determined women around the world. According to the International Coffee Organization, women own only 20 to 30% of coffee farms globally. I’m proud to be one of them.”

**-Lorie Obra
Rusty's Hawaiian
Ka'u District of Hawaii Island**

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“I want the next generation of women in agriculture to know that this work is powerful, sacred and deeply transformative. At Esther Manor Farm, I grow traditional African crops and medicinal plants — foods that are rarely found in stores but carry rich histories, healing properties and deep cultural meaning. I didn’t just inherit seeds from my grandmother; I inherited a legacy of nurturing, healing and feeding a community.”

**-Patience Fielding,
Esther Manor Farm**



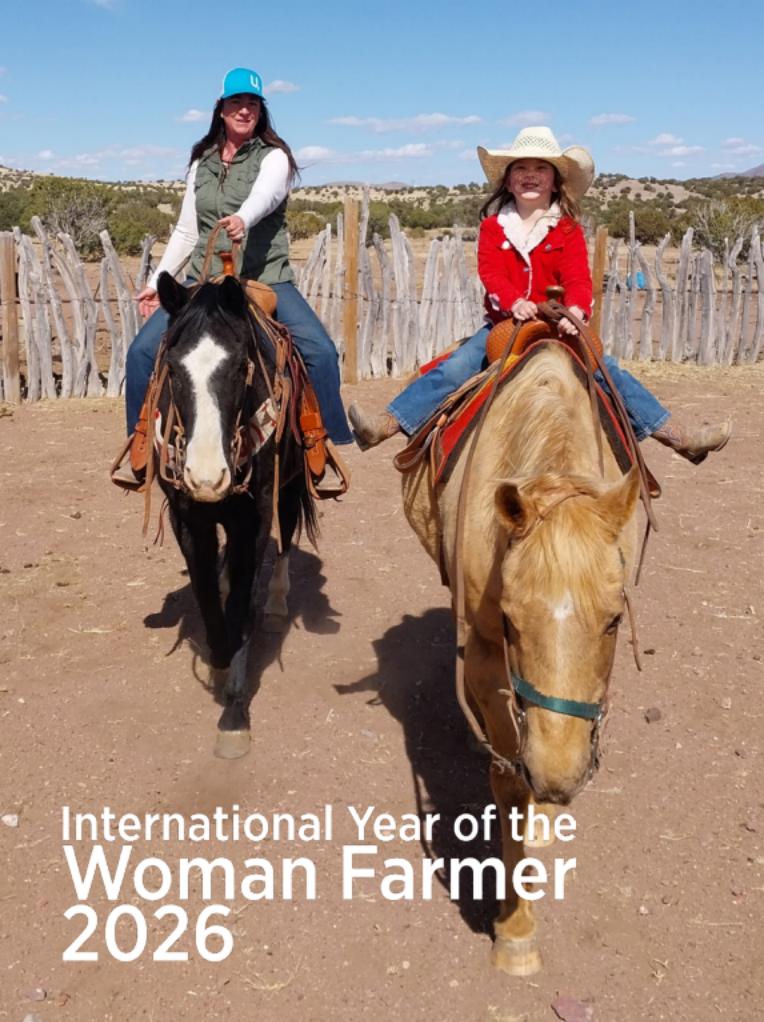
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“I hope my work shows the next generation to always think outside the box and don’t be afraid to try the ideas that come to you. . . I always encourage the younger generation, male or female, to come help me and see what I do, hoping that it plants a seed in them or builds the foundation for them to pursue an agricultural path.”

-Sarah Porter, Sp Broken Arrow Ranch, Nevada



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“Working in agriculture means carving out a place for my daughter and other women to sit at the same tables and learn the rungs of the beef industry ladder just like the men.”

**-Charity Ann Saulsberry,
Saulsberry Ranch, U Spur
Ranchwear and Cold
Backed Coffee House**



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“Agriculture has historically been a male-dominated field, but women have always played a critical role in its success. Today, I am proud to not only contribute directly through teaching, leadership and running our family farm, but also to serve as a visible example for young women who may not see themselves represented in this industry. It means using my voice to advocate for access, equity and opportunity—whether it’s for first-generation farmers trying to secure land and capital, students discovering their passion for agricultural careers or young women finding the confidence to pursue leadership roles in this field.”

**-Morgan Washburn,
Circle W Farm, Virginia**

International Year of the Women Farmer marks a global commitment to empowering and recognizing the contributions of women in agriculture. The year serves to highlight women's impact on food security, rural economies and advancing agriculture.

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