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NASDA panel to highlight women driving growth and opportunity across the global food sector at Americas Food & Beverage Show

WHO: In recognition of the International Year of the Woman Farmer, leaders across agriculture, retail and culinary will come together for “The Global Table: Where Food, Agriculture and Opportunity Meet,” exploring how women are expanding market opportunities, building connections and contributing to the growth of the food and agriculture sector in the U.S. and around the world.

Panel Participants:

Chef Tania Harris, South Carolina Department of Agriculture Chef Ambassador Alum, James Beard Award Semifinalist and Chef and Owner, Azucar Skull

Allison “Alli” Tucker, Director of Sales, Maple Leaf Farms

Hannah McGee, Farmer, Agricultural Entrepreneur and International Marketing Representative for the Illinois Department of Agriculture

Panel Moderator: **Megan Weeks**, Senior Director of International Trade Programs, NASDA

WHERE & WHEN: The panel will be Monday, Sept. 14 from 11:15 a.m. to 12 p.m. ET in the Conference Area in Hall A at the Miami Beach Convention Center during the Americas Food & Beverage Show & Conference.

HOW: Media interested in attending or scheduling interviews, please email Derrek Miller (derrek.miller@nasda.org) and Enrique Sori (esori@wtcmiami.org) by 4 p.m. ET, Thursday, Sept. 10.

WHAT: The conversation will examine shared challenges and opportunities related to market access and collaboration across food and agriculture. Panelists will highlight the connections among farmers, chefs and agribusinesses and explore how stronger collaboration can open new pathways for growth, expand access to markets and elevate the contributions of women across the global supply chain.

Follow NASDA Trade Shows and the Americas Food & Beverage Show on Instagram, X and Facebook to follow along with the conversation and NASDA’s recognition of the International Year of the Woman Farmer.

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NASDA is a nonpartisan, nonprofit association that represents the elected and appointed commissioners, secretaries and directors of the departments of agriculture in all fifty states and four U.S. territories. NASDA grows and enhances American food and agricultural communities through policy, partnerships and public engagement. To learn more about NASDA and its [trade programs](#) and [trade policy](#), visit www.nasda.org.

“A Taste of the States: Miami” connects U.S. food and beverage suppliers with buyers and partners from around the world. The pavilion helps meet the rising international demand for high-quality U.S.



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agricultural products by showcasing innovative companies from across the country. NASDA collaborates closely with USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service and its global network to recruit qualified international buyers representing sectors such as foodservice, distribution, retail and manufacturing. The pavilion serves as a key element of NASDA's broader strategy to increase U.S. agricultural exports, diversify market opportunities and strengthen rural economies through international trade. To learn more, visit nasda.org/tradeshows.

Produced by World Trade Center Miami, the Americas Food & Beverage Show & Conference is a premier international business-to-business event connecting food and beverage professionals through trade, networking and education. Now celebrating its 30th year, AF&B remains committed to supporting small and medium-sized enterprises as they grow into the global marketplace. For more information, visit www.americasfoodandbeverage.com.



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