

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; Wisconsin women have long played an important role in Wisconsin's agricultural community, including a growing organic industry and in the conservation of state land; and

WHEREAS; according to the 2017 Census of Agriculture, women make up approximately 35 percent of all agricultural producers in Wisconsin, representing a 16 percent increase in women producers since the 2012 census; and

WHEREAS; with more than 1,500 organic farms, Wisconsin is a national leader in organic farming and ranks among the top states for organic hog and pig farms, organic layer chicken farms, organic vegetable and melon farms, and organic cranberry farms; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's women farmers place a high priority on educating kids about family farms, where food comes from, and the importance of stewarding land; and

WHEREAS; the inspiring stories behind Wisconsin women farmers are far too often overlooked, making it difficult for young women who are interested in farming to find role models and discover the full range of career options available; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins women farmers across the state in celebrating the essential contributions they make to sustainable and organic agricultural communities and to the prosperity of Wisconsin's agriculture industry as a whole;


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim July 30 – August 6, 2023, as

WISCONSIN WOMEN IN SUSTAINABLE AND ORGANIC AGRICULTURE WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 7th day of July 2023.


TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:


SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State