

WHEREAS; the United Nations declared 2026 as the International Year of the Woman Farmer to spotlight the essential roles women serve in agriculture; and

WHEREAS; in Wisconsin and across the globe, women farmers serve in essential agricultural roles and are important contributors in the food supply chain, ranging from production and processing to distribution and marketing; and

WHEREAS; according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), as of 2019, more than half of all U.S. farming operations had at least one woman operator, and data from the 2022 USDA Census of Agriculture estimates that there are 37,600 female agricultural producers in Wisconsin, making up approximately 35 percent of all agricultural producers in the state; and

WHEREAS; women farmers are actively engaged in the industry, serving as leaders in their farms, businesses, and organizations, while also remaining steadfast in their commitment to the future of the agriculture industry, utilizing sustainable management practices and developing innovative products; and

WHEREAS; women farmers will continue to contribute to the success of agriculture for generations to come, and on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to supporting all farmers and recognizes the essential contributions that women in the agricultural industry have in bolstering the state's economic, environmental, and cultural prosperity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim January to December 2026 as

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE WOMAN FARMER

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 5th day of March 2026.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State