

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

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

WHEREAS; furthermore, Wisconsin boasts more than 1,200 organic farms—a number which has nearly doubled over the past ten years—making our state a nationwide leader in organic farming; and

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

WHEREAS; the inspiring stories behind our women farmers are far too often overlooked, making it difficult to provide role models and career option ideas for young women interested in farming; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim August 2 – 8, 2021, as

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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 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State