

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 female producers since the 2012 census; 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; Wisconsin boasts over 1,200 organic farms – a number which has nearly doubled over the past ten years – making our state a nationwide leader in organic farming, second only to California; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins our women farmers 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 3 through 9, 2020, 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 2nd day of July 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State