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WVDA SEEKS 2017 WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE NOMINATIONS

Charleston, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) is looking for outstanding women in their “field.” Nominations for the 2017 West Virginia Women in Agriculture awards are open through June 1. Induction is granted to women who have made significant contributions to the establishment, development, advancement or improvement of West Virginia agriculture, forestry or specialty crops.

“Now more than ever, women are pursuing opportunities in agriculture at a higher rate than their male counterparts. From traditional livestock operations, to floriculture, agribusiness, agritourism and specialty crop operations, women are strongly leading in many emerging agricultural fields. This is a chance to honor their hard work, entrepreneurial spirit and innovation,” said Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt.

The women selected will be honored by Commissioner Leonhardt during a ceremony at the State Fair of West Virginia in August.

Nomination forms can be obtained by contacting Cindy Shreve at 304-538-2397 or cshreve@wvda.us. Applications are also available on the WVDA website at: <http://www.agriculture.wv.gov/divisions/marketinganddevelopment/Women%20in%20Ag/Documents/Women%20in%20Ag%20Award%20Application%202017.pdf>.

Completed applications must be returned no later than June 1 to Cindy Shreve, WV Department of Agriculture, 60B Moorefield Industrial Park Rd., Moorefield, WV 26836 or cshreve@wvda.us.

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