2026 WOMEN in AGRICULTURE

The WVDA is honoring five outstanding women who have made significant contributions to the agriculture industry, whether it be on the farm, in the classroom, or through outreach. The recipients of the 2026 West Virginia Woman in Agriculture Award truly stand out in their fields. They will be recognized during a ceremony at the State Fair of West Virginia, on Sunday, August 16, at 11:00 a.m. Please join us to honor them.

Kimberly Dollinger | **Dollinger Farm** • *Hampshire County*

Kimberly is the owner and operator of Dollinger Farm where she has transformed a passion for healthy food and sustainable living into a thriving, diversified operation. Kimberly raises heritage White Park cattle, Angus cattle, poultry, hogs, bees, and a variety of other livestock while practicing regenerative farming and producing locally grown foods. She is committed to educating the public through hands-on farm tours that connect visitors with agriculture, conservation, and food production. Kimberly combines science with practical farming to inspire others. She also mentors beginning farmers, donates farm products to support local FFA programs, and continually develops innovative value-added products that maximize farm sustainability.

Heather Gorman | **Harmony Hills Farm** • *Jefferson County*

Heather has made a meaningful impact on West Virginia agriculture through her dedication to family farming, agricultural education, and value-added agriculture. Heather helps operate a diversified farm featuring Angus beef cattle, Nigerian Dwarf dairy goats, and honeybee production. For more than a decade, Heather has promoted local agriculture through farmers markets and community events, producing and marketing beef, pork, eggs, honey, and handcrafted goat milk soaps and lotions. She is passionate about educating consumers on farming and livestock care, while building connections between producers and the public. She is also a dedicated 4-H leader and founder of a dairy goat club.

Joslyn Noland | **Middleway Farm** • *Jefferson County*

Joslyn has dedicated her life to cultivating both agriculture and her community. Alongside her husband at Middleway Farm, she has spent more than three decades growing and marketing flowers, vegetables, herbs, and greenhouse plants throughout the Eastern Panhandle. Following a 37-year career as a third-grade teacher, where she incorporated agricultural education, Joslyn now works full-time on the farm. A founding vendor and steering committee member of the Charles Town Farmers Market, she has also been a longtime vendor at the Shepherdstown Farmers Market. Joslyn is a charter member and past president of the Wizard Clip Garden Club, superintendent of the Jefferson County Fair Flower Show, and is a Master Gardener.

Elizabeth "Beth" Southern | **WVDA Director of Communications** • *Kanawha County*

Beth has dedicated more than 25 years to advancing West Virginia agriculture through communication, marketing, and public outreach. Beth has worked tirelessly to strengthen the connection between producers, consumers, and communities while sharing the story of agriculture across the state. Through her roles as Assistant Director of Communications, Assistant Director of Marketing, and now Communications Director, Beth has helped elevate the visibility of West Virginia farmers, agribusinesses, and locally produced goods. She has played a key role in promoting the WV Grown program, supporting agricultural events, including the State Fair of West Virginia and West Virginia Pumpkin Festival, and encouraging agricultural education through FFA and youth programs.

Michelle D. Wilfong | **Wilfong Farms** • *Pocahontas County*

Michelle has made a remarkable impact on West Virginia agriculture through her dedication to production agriculture, agritourism, and agricultural education. Growing up, she developed a passion for agriculture through 4-H and FFA, eventually earning a degree in Agriculture and Extension Education from WVU. Today, she and her husband operate a diversified family farm featuring approximately 1,100 commercial ewes, a cattle operation, direct-to-consumer meat sales, a high tunnel, produce production, a u-pick strawberry patch, and CW's Corn Maze, a popular agritourism destination. She serves as WV Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers Chair, WV FFA Alumni Vice President, and a member of the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center.