



# SOUTHERN REGION Women's Agricultural LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

**MONDAY, FEB. 8, 2016**

Hosted by the University of Georgia Women's Leadership Initiative  
and the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CAES)



**This free summit will provide new data** for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, industry and academia that will shape programs and policies related to female leadership in agriculture.



The J.W. Fanning Institute for Leadership Development, a unit of the UGA Office of the Vice President for Public Service and Outreach, will coordinate a working meeting for invited delegates, **"Agriculture: Issues and Opportunities for Women's Leadership Development,"** to gather their policy ideas. This working meeting will be followed by a reporting session that is free and open to the public.

#### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

#### **Krysta Harden, USDA Deputy Secretary of Agriculture**

Krysta Harden, who grew up on a farm in Camilla, Georgia, graduated from UGA with a bachelor's degree in journalism in 1981. She has worked in Washington, D.C., for the last 30 years advocating for farmers and rural families. Harden will give the keynote address at the summit.

#### LODGING

On-campus lodging is available at the **UGA Hotel and Conference Center**. The summit is free for invited delegates, and registration is available at [caes.uga.edu/events/womensagleadershipsummit](http://caes.uga.edu/events/womensagleadershipsummit).



# 44%

of agribusiness and  
agricultural employees  
are female.

Leaders from 13 Southern states, working in all sectors of agriculture, from environmental research to production agriculture, will gather in Athens, Georgia, for a daylong series of panel discussions, group work sessions and networking events focused on developing women's leadership in agriculture and related fields.

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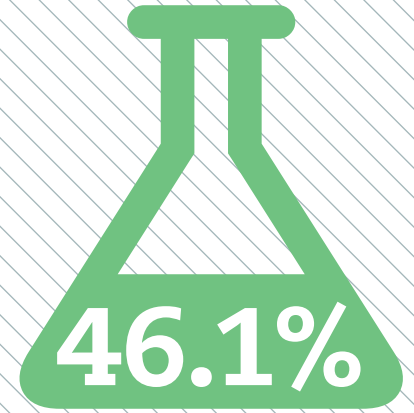
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Women comprise **35 percent of the faculty positions** in the biological, agricultural, environmental life sciences and related fields at four-year universities across the United States.



Female-run farms are responsible for **\$4.9 billion in sales** in the 13-state Southern region. Female farm managers and owners nationwide produce about **\$12.9 billion** in agricultural products annually.



of the nation's 1.3 million agricultural and food scientists are women.

SOURCES: The USDA's 2012 Census of Agriculture, Bureau of Labor Statistics and the National Science Foundation, 2008a.

# 30 PERCENT OF AMERICA'S FARMERS ARE WOMEN.



## FEMALE-RUN FARMS IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

ALABAMA	5,414
ARKANSAS	5,485
FLORIDA	9,995
GEORGIA	6,404
KENTUCKY	8,200
LOUISIANA	3,457
MISSISSIPPI	5,282
NORTH CAROLINA	6,453
OKLAHOMA	9,076
SOUTH CAROLINA	4,009
TENNESSEE	7,770
TEXAS	38,452
VIRGINIA	7,653

