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WVDA to Again Honor West Virginia 'Women in Ag'

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) is seeking nominations for the 2014 "West Virginia Women in Agriculture" program. Nominations are due by June 1, and those making the nominations are asked to provide as much detail about the nominee's agricultural career as possible.

The 'Women in Ag' program was started in 2010 as a way to honor West Virginia women who contribute greatly to our agriculture, forestry and specialty crop industries. Now going into its fifth year, the WVDA has recognized 26 total women.

Previous honorees have been involved in a wide array of fields including: beef, dairy, education, specialty crop production and forestry, among others.

"We know there are many women out there with a dedication and love for the agriculture industries and this is our way to recognize their work in these fields," said Commissioner of Agriculture Walt Helmick. "I encourage their friends and families to put an entry in."

Induction is granted to those women who have made significant contributions to the establishment, development, advancement or improvement of West Virginia agriculture, forestry or specialty crops in the Mountain State. Biographies of the selected women will be featured on WVDA displays during the State Fair of West Virginia.

A high-resolution photograph of the nominee is also required (a digital photo is preferred, no smaller than 5x7). The selected women will be contacted for more photos at a later date.

Nomination forms can be obtained by contacting the WVDA Marketing and Development Division at 304-558-2210, via e-mail to tfitzsimmons@wvda.us or on the Department's website at www.wvagriculture.org. Completed applications must be returned to: Tracy Fitzsimmons, WV Department of Agriculture, 1900 Kanawha Blvd., E, Charleston, WV 25305, or to tfitzsimmons@wvda.us.