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“Women have always been an integral part of the agricultural enterprise but it has not been until recent years that society has fully recognized their contribution. Growing up on a farm in Hardy County, where both parents were full partners in the farming operation, it never occurred to me that women were viewed differently. They instilled in me a sense of pride in being involved with the dedicated individuals who love the land and feed the world. In part, their legacy is my passion for and commitment to the agricultural industry. I count it as an honor and a privilege to be able to advocate, in some small way, for this most noble profession.”