

ASSEMBLY THIRD READING  
ACR 193 (Aguiar-Curry)  
As Introduced May 4, 2026  
Majority vote

## SUMMARY

Proclaims 2026 as the International Year of the Woman Farmer and recognizes the critical role of women in agriculture.

### Major Provisions

- 1) Women constitute a significant share of the global agricultural workforce and contribute across the entire agrifood value chain, including production, processing, distribution, and trade.
- 2) Women farmers play a critical role in ensuring the food security, nutrition, poverty reduction, and economic stability of rural households and communities. Despite their contributions, women in agriculture face persistent structural barriers, including limited access to land, financing, technology, education, and decision-making opportunities.
- 3) In the United States, women contribute significantly to agricultural production, agribusiness, research, and leadership. In the State of California, the largest agricultural producer in the United States, women are a driving force in the agricultural economy and food system. Women are involved in operating approximately 63% of farms in California, a higher share than in any other major agricultural state.
- 4) The United Nations has designated 2026 as the International Year of the Woman Farmer to raise awareness of the vital role women play in agrifood systems and global food security.
- 5) The International Year of the Woman Farmer provides an opportunity to promote gender equality, empower women, and encourage policy reforms and investments that address disparities in agriculture.
- 6) The observance calls upon governments, international organizations, civil society, private sector actors, and individuals to increase awareness and take action in support of women farmers.

## COMMENTS

### According to the Author

Women are essential leaders in the state's agricultural industry, contributing to food production, innovation, sustainability, and rural economic growth. The observance highlights their achievements, promotes equal access to opportunities and resources, and inspires future generations of women to pursue careers in agriculture.

### Arguments in Support

None on file

**Arguments in Opposition**

None on file

**FISCAL COMMENTS**

No fiscal impact. This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

**VOTES**

**ASM RULES: 8-0-2**

**YES:** Pacheco, Dixon, Garcia, Mark González, Irwin, Michelle Rodriguez, Sanchez, Zbur

**ABS, ABST OR NV:** Lackey, Ahrens

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