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## **American Agri-Women Stated “Today is a Great Day for Agriculture”**

**Colchester, Vt. (AgPR) May 20, 2020** — American Agri-Women (AAW) are taking notice that three times in a single day, agriculture and rural America received great news.

The U.S. learned from Chairman Carr that the FCC is forging ahead with a game plan for connectivity in the rural areas. “We have needed this action for quite a while as we recognized that implementation of ‘The Next Generation’ 5G means very little without connectivity,” AAW President Karolyn Zurn stated, “the plan was laid out thoroughly and we can finally see a future of expanded connectivity to help farmers and ranchers be competitive with online marketing, Precision Ag, and to serve rural America in needs for the first responders.”

A short time later, the update of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) was released. The extension was granted in regard to the rule surrounding the hours of service (HOS) for commercial motor vehicles. The HOS rule is in place under daily normal operations to increase safety on America’s roadways, but during this pandemic, they are now able to continue delivering medical, fuel, food, and other essential supplies to meet immediate needs. American truckers do a great job keeping the supply chains open by delivering a safe and abundant food source to the nation. Additionally, this will provide greater flexibility to keep all of America moving. The new guidelines will be extremely beneficial for animal welfare as truckers are sometimes forced to stop short of their point of delivery with a trailer load of hogs, cattle, or poultry that become anxious. This is undue stress that no one wants for any animal. Farms and ranches suffer monetarily as hours are wasted when they should be unloading at the docks or other points of sale.

For the grand finale, AAW applauds our President’s Administration for rolling out 16 billion dollars directed to farmers and ranchers to rebuild, restock, and resume work. Agriculture simply put, wants to provide the safest and affordable food, fuel, and fiber in the world. Food Security is one of our nation’s most vital areas and our farmers and ranchers take that task very seriously. “Three cheers for a great day in Agriculture! A flourishing rural community is the backbone of America,” Zurn expressed. “Let’s all continue to STAND UP-SPEAK OUT for Agriculture!” **#StandUpSpeakOut4Ag**

### **About American Agri-Women**

American Agri-Women (AAW) promotes the welfare of our national security through a safe and reliable food, fiber, and energy supply. Since 1974, AAW members have worked together to educate consumers, advocate for agriculture, and offer networking and professional development opportunities. Go to the AAW website for more information and to join [www.americanagriwomen.org](http://www.americanagriwomen.org). Find AAW on social media at: [Facebook.com/AgriWomen/](https://www.facebook.com/AgriWomen/), [Twitter.com/Women4Ag/](https://twitter.com/Women4Ag/) (@Women4Ag) and [Instagram.com/americanagriwomen/](https://www.instagram.com/americanagriwomen/) (@americanagriwomen).

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