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American Agri-Women Name Congressman Doug LaMalfa the 2022 Champion of Agriculture

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American Agri-Women ([AAW](#)) has named California 1st District Congressman Doug LaMalfa their 2022 Champion of Agriculture. AAW presented the award to LaMalfa at a recognition ceremony held recently in the House Agriculture Committee Chambers in Washington, D.C. The AAW Champion of Agriculture Award is presented to members of Congress and the U.S. Senate who have displayed exemplary courage in presenting and supporting legislation that promotes U.S. agriculture, rural lifestyles and the U.S. Constitution. AAW President Heather Hampton+Knodle said, "Congressman LaMalfa earned the award for his impressive record of supporting property rights, agriculture, and wise land use at the state and national levels. His experience managing his family's rice farm informs his leadership record on agriculture and rural issues. All of us in farming and ranching benefit from his congressional service." LaMalfa has worked to obtain rural development and broadband expansion funding. He has also worked to improve wildland management practices, forest regrowth, and help wildfire survivors rebuild. He has advocated for policies that provide relief from burdensome red tape, develop new markets for agricultural products, and increase flexibility for our ranchers and foresters. He continues to fight to ensure our farmers and ranchers have the support, certainty, and clarity to feed our nation and the world. AAW is the national coalition of farm, ranch, and agribusiness women's organizations and state and commodity affiliate organizations. Congressman LaMalfa is a strong supporter of private property rights and is the author of a Constitutional Amendment to protect Californians against eminent domain abuse. In addition, Doug LaMalfa has opposed increasing taxes and is a stalwart defender of California's Proposition 13. Congressman LaMalfa successfully authored and passed California's Forest Fire Protection Act of 2004 to allow landowners to make their rural lands fire safe. In addition, his Electricity Reliability and Forest Protection Act was recently signed into law. This legislation removes red tape so utility providers can remove hazardous vegetation near power lines before it can cause a wildfire.



American Agri-Women President Heather Hampton+Knodle presents California 1st District Congressman Doug LaMalfa with the 2022 Champion of Agriculture Award. AAW First Vice President Rose Tryon-VanCott (right) and Nevada Agri-Women member Debbie Bacigalupi (left) nominated LaMalfa for the award.

Congressman LaMalfa has supported legislation that increases domestic energy such as natural gas, hydropower, oil, and biomass by removing restrictions and expediting the permitting process.

AAW's First Vice President Rose Tryon-VanCott and member Debbie Bacigalupi nominated LaMalfa for the award. In addition to ranching and produce production, Tryon-VanCott is an experienced municipal council member of Paradise, California which is rebuilding since devastating forest fires of 2018. Bacigalupi is a 5th generation cattle rancher, biotech consultant and businesswoman.

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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. Find AAW on social media at: Facebook.com/AgriWomen/, Twitter.com/Women4Ag/ (@Women4Ag) and Instagram.com/americanagriwomen/ (@americanagriwomen. #standupspeakout4ag

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