

AAW President's Message

August means two things –

harvest preparation and back to school – around our home and farm. Equipment has been cleaned up from wheat harvest. The double crop beans are coming out of hiding from behind wheat stubble. Our sprayer was running for days on end to control weeds and pests. Crop dusters (AKA aerial acrobats) were a common site over corn acres. We were hauling out the last of 2021's grain and cleaning the bins to prepare for harvest. Like many farmers around the country, we're experiencing supply shortages on some parts or components of things like the combine head we thought we'd have by June.



These delays coupled with gas and diesel ranging from \$4.80 to \$5.90+ in our area the last few months, plus our Symposium on Energy and Ukraine Conversation at Fly-In, teed up my personal interest in our AAW Global Food and Energy Supply Conversation on July 27th. The insight and experience of the speakers is worth watching repeatedly. There are too many takeaways to recount. Please check it out on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jR4tMatyRnw>

Another viewing or listening opportunity related to American Agri-Women can be found at North American Ag. Host Chrissy Wozniak interviewed me about AAW, leadership, Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the Food and Energy Conversation and more. You can find it on the Media Center link above under [AAW in the News](#) title: "American Agri-Women Strengthening the Voice of the People" Podcast.

Meanwhile, our AAW committees have been busy. The Nominating Committee has been vetting candidates. We should all be hearing more in the coming months. The Veritas and LEAVEN Award committees are reviewing applications to prepare for presentations at Convention in November.

Fellow Executive Team members Rose Tryon-VanCott and Laura Hart were at the Syngenta Leadership program alongside other leaders from agriculture. The program took place in North Carolina and Washington, D.C.

And now, I'm writing my lists of things to do to prepare for "Back to School." Between soccer, football, and girls' basketball this fall, you are sure to get my "Top 5 Popcorn" list before Christmas. Also, on my "to do" list is to register for AAW Convention and keep working with our other teams on issues, leadership and governance. Our VP of Education, Jacquie Compston and I are

curious about what you would like to learn. How can AAW go “back to school” and keep delivering useful and timely information or skills for you? Seriously. Please let us know: education@americanagriwomen.org and aawpresident@americanagriwomen.org.

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Sincerely,
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