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Doris Mold is Past President of American Agri-Women (AAW) the nation's largest coalition of women in agriculture. She is an Agricultural Consultant, Agricultural Economist, Educator, Advocate, and Catalyst, as well as a farm co-owner/operator. She is the President of Sunrise Agricultural Associates, LLC an agricultural consulting firm. Her consulting practice has included a broad range of work, including but not limited to management, business and economic analysis, business and transition plan development and coaching, evaluation, marketing, advocacy, leadership, education and organizational development. She also teaches Farm and Agri-Business Management at the University of Minnesota (U of MN) for MAST International.

Mold is working on a AAW leadership team on a national farm/rural stress project with AAW President Jeanette Lombardo, AAW VP of Education Jean Goslin and AAW Community Relations Coordinator Lynn Woolf. Mold and her AAW colleagues share a strong concern for the current state of stress in the agricultural sector. Mold's graduate work was focused on farmer-lender mediation in Minnesota where she analyzed over 500 cases that went through mediation and identified factors that influenced mediation outcomes.

In 2016 she was appointed to serve on an expert national Panel on Improving Data Collection and Reporting about Agriculture with Increasingly Complex Farm Structures convened by the National Academy of Science and sponsored by the USDA. In 2015 she served on an expert national Panel on Statistics on Women and Beginning Farmers in the USDA Census of Agriculture. In 2017 Mold was asked to serve on a follow-up to the 2015 panel on Women and New and Beginning Farmers the NASS Expert Panel on the Publication of Agriculture Census Data on Farm Operator Demographics. Mold served six years on the Agricultural Statistics Advisory Committee for NASS and chaired the committee for three years. She also is currently serving on the Agricultural Advisory Committee for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

Mold founded the AgDay365 - Ag Day is Every Day national consumer advocacy project for American Agri-Women where they are just launching the next phase of the project the #AgDay365Challenge. She was instrumental in the AAW Drive Across American - which promoted agriculture across the United States. Under her guidance AAW launched its Waves of Change Leadership Development Process and a series of programs on Essential Farm and Ranch Business Management Skills for women veterans interested in agriculture/farming careers. Additionally, Mold is a member of, serves or has served with a number of other agricultural organizations on a local, state, national and international basis. She is known for her work as an advocate for agriculture. She is passionate about agricultural leadership development and especially the mentoring of up and coming agricultural leaders. She co-founded the Women's Agricultural Leadership Conference series which completed its 20th year of quality programming, leadership development, mentoring and networking. She has a keen interest in developing a better understanding of the roles that people play in production and broader agriculture and has conducted research on the changing roles of women in agriculture.

Mold founded the Minnesota State Fair Moo, Oink and Baa Booths which educate and inform three quarters of a million Fair visitors every year about animal agriculture and the farm to table process. The Moo Booth which boasts several thousand square feet of interactive educational space and daily special events and activities, celebrated its 25th anniversary of educating the public in 2016. In 2009 Mold co-coordinated the \$1.4 remodeling project of the Moo Booth.

Previously, Mold worked as an Agricultural Economist at the U of MN and continues to work on research/education projects with the U of MN on a project basis. She holds a Master of Science degree in Agricultural and Applied Economics, and a Bachelors of Science in Agricultural and Applied Economics, Animal Science and Agricultural Education, all from the U of MN. In 2016 Mold received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the U of MN College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resources Alumni Society. In April 2017 she was inducted as an inaugural member of the Borealis Circle at the U of MN.