

Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation: Statement on hosting Women for Trump tour

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MADISON - On July 10, Outagamie County Farm Bureau members Keith and Kelly Oudenhoven hosted the Women for Trump Tour on their family's farm, Larrand Dairy, in De Pere.

"It was truly a once in a lifetime opportunity to have these women tour our farm and listen to the challenges we face and the policy solutions we would like to see implemented," said Kelly. "We are so proud of the work we do and it feels good to know the campaign staff recognize the important role we, as farmers, play in the economy."

The women on the tour were Mercedes Schlapp, Trump campaign senior adviser for strategic communications; Katrina Pierson, Trump campaign senior adviser; Pam Bondi, the national co-chair for Women for Trump; and Penny Nance, a member of the Women for Trump advisory board.

The stop at Larrand Dairy started with a round table discussion between the Oudenhoven family and Women for Trump representatives. The Oudenhovens talked about challenges accessing and attracting labor, supply chain complications that surfaced early in the COVID-19 pandemic and the importance of trade. Kelly serves as the WFBF Young Farmer and Agriculturist Committee chair and was also able to touch on the challenges and opportunities young people in agriculture face.

Larrand Dairy is home to 375 milking cows and is owned by Keith's parents Larry and Joan Oudenhoven. Keith and Kelly are the fourth generation on the farm and hope to one day pass the farm onto their children as the fifth generation.

The Women for Trump bus tour was a three-day event in Wisconsin beginning July 9 with a round table discussion in Port Washington followed by the Oudenhoven farm tour and wrapped up July 11 at the Wisconsin Republican Convention.

Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation is the state's largest general farm organization representing farms of every size, commodity and management style.