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**FIONA MA HONORED AS INAUGURAL “CHAMPION OF AGRICULTURE” BY
CALIFORNIA FARM BUREAU**

***Award Highlights Leadership of Two Trailblazing Women During Women’s History
Month***

SACRAMENTO, CA — California State Treasurer **Fiona Ma** has been awarded the **inaugural Champion of Agriculture Award** by the California Farm Bureau, recognizing her longstanding commitment to supporting farmers, ranchers, and rural communities across the state.

The award was presented during the organization’s Legislative Action Day and honors individuals whose leadership has made a lasting impact on California agriculture.

“Treasurer Ma has shown a long commitment to California agriculture,” said **Shannon Douglass**, the first woman to serve as **President of the California Farm Bureau**. “Her work on behalf of farmers and ranchers across the state is exactly what this award celebrates.”

The recognition of Treasurer Ma—California’s first woman of color elected State Treasurer—comes during **Women’s History Month**, underscoring a powerful moment of leadership and progress for women in both agriculture and public service.

“For me, agriculture is about people—families, workers, and communities who feed our state and our world,” said Treasurer Ma. “I’m honored to receive this inaugural award from the California Farm Bureau and to stand alongside leaders like President Douglass who are breaking barriers and shaping the future of agriculture.”

Though not raised in an agricultural region, Treasurer Ma has made it a priority to engage deeply with the industry—participating in hundreds of farm visits and working to connect financial tools, investment, and policy solutions to support California agriculture’s long-term success.

As President Douglass leads the California Farm Bureau into a new era, and Treasurer Ma continues her record of statewide leadership, the moment reflects a broader shift—one where women are increasingly at the forefront of shaping California’s economy, environment, and food systems.

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About Fiona Ma

California is the world's fourth-largest economy and Treasurer Ma is the state's primary banker. Her office processes approximately \$3 trillion in payments within a typical year and provides transparency and oversight for an investment portfolio that has ranged from \$155 billion to \$175 billion over the past 6 months, over \$20 billion of which are local government funds. She also is responsible for over \$80 billion in outstanding general obligation and lease revenue bonds of the state. Treasurer Ma also helped found the San Francisco Farm Bureau - the first chartered in the state in nearly 40 years.

About the California Farm Bureau

The California Farm Bureau works to protect family farms and ranches on behalf of nearly 26,000 members statewide and advocates for policies that ensure the long-term sustainability of California agriculture.