



Vertically Integrated Farming: From Pasture to Plate Experience

Hosted by the Dames of the Atlanta Chapter

This award focuses on three days at [White Oak Pastures](#) near Bluffton, Georgia. White Oak Pastures is a sixth-generation, zero-waste, vertically integrated farm that pasture-raises livestock, slaughters, butchers, cooks, and serves meat and poultry. The livestock includes cattle, sheep, goats, hogs, and rabbits, harvested on the farm using on-the-farm USDA-inspected processing plants. The applicant will have exposure to each of these points of production, processing, and preparation. Participation in these activities will be limited due to the physical nature of the work and strict requirements with insurance on training.

White Oak Pasture also operates a restaurant out of two food trucks, serving 21 meals each week using their meats, poultry, and fresh vegetables. The trucks cook for 165 full-time employees and travelers along US Highway 27.

Back in Atlanta, the Awardee will spend a day at [Global Growers Network](#), a non profit network of more than 200 farmers in metro-Atlanta who represent agricultural and culinary traditions from around the world. The day will provide insight into the seven urban gardens and a 22-acre organic co-farm where they grow culturally relevant food for their families and community. The closing reception will be hosted at the organization's [Rockdale Organic Co-Farm](#).



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The ideal candidate for this experience is a woman with 4+ years of career experience in food (including agriculture), beverage, or hospitality and is a farmer, rancher, or producer wanting to expand knowledge in vertically integrated farming, family farming, succession planning, and on-farm processing with emphasis in animal agriculture.

Timeline: June through September 2026 mutually arranged between Awardee and host chapter with September being the preferred time

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