



Courtney Nash

Sugarcane Grower

San Benito, Texas

Nash's family has been farming in the Rio Grande Valley continuously for 100 years. They still farm the original piece of land her great, great grandfather farmed. She runs the farm with her sisters, Natalie S. Leal and Audrey S. Hooks; and mom and dad, Mary Beth Simmons and Leonard Simmons.

INTERESTING FACT

Courtney and her sisters didn't plan on farming. They all left and had other careers before returning to take over the family operation. She is one of the growing number of women in agricultural leadership.

WHAT'S YOUR VIEW ON WOMEN IN FARMING?

"I think women have always been involved whether it's in insurance or banking or just their family operations. But you are going to continue to see more women get involved and I think that's exciting."

WHY IS U.S. SUGAR POLICY IMPORTANT TO YOU?

"It's important that we are able to continue to grow cane and provide for not only our families but our employees. That is the most important thing. I want to be able to go home at night and feel good about what we've done on the farm. What crops we've raised, but also that our employees, the next generations, and the land are taken care of so that if others want to come and be a part of this, it's here for them to do."