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**WOMAN OF
THE YEAR**

IN AGRICULTURE

Dr. Sandra Ten Broeck



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February 12, 2024

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Mark Hodge

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Dr. Tim Marshall

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A photograph of two horses running through a body of water, likely a pond or a slow-moving stream, in a grassy field. The horse in the foreground is dark brown with a white blaze on its face. The horse behind it is white with large brown patches. Both horses are splashing water as they run. The background is a lush green field with tall grass.

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RECOGNITION OF DR. SAUNDRA TENBROECK

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THE WOMAN OF THE YEAR IN AGRICULTURE

is an award designated by the
Florida Department of Agriculture
and Consumer Services



Since 1985, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Florida State Fair Authority have recognized the significant contributions of women in the agriculture industry with the “Woman of the Year in Agriculture” award. This year, I am proud to honor Dr. Saundra TenBroeck with this distinguished award in recognition of her outstanding work to advance Florida agriculture.

Dr. Saundra TenBroeck is the UF/IFAS State Extension Horse Specialist and Associate Professor for the Department of Animal Sciences at the University of Florida. She began her career with the Extension as the university’s first Youth Livestock Specialist, and only the second woman in the department. In the days before the Internet and smart phones,

Saundra crisscrossed the state, serving 4-H through the 67 County Extension Offices, FFA through more than 250 Vocational Agriculture Programs, and Youth Livestock Programs through county fairs, regional fairs, and the Florida State Fair. During this time, she played a key role in the development of the revolutionary Steer Futurity and Champion of Champions programs at the Florida State Fair, as well as the Youth Livestock Ethics Curriculum.

In 2001, Dr. TenBroeck was assigned State Horse Specialist, a position she currently holds. As an equine subject matter expert Saundra serves as the go-to person for County Agents from South Florida to the Panhandle. This new position also saw an increase in her teaching duties. Her impact at the university has been considered generational, as she often teaches the children of former students. Affectionately known as “Mama T,” she has been a nurturing presence on campus, while garnering a reputation for showing “tough love” calling upon students to work hard, serve others, and do the right thing; and accept the consequences of their actions.

After earning her bachelor’s degree in animal science from Clemson University, she graduated from Texas A&M University with a master’s degree and PhD in Physiology of Reproduction. At UF Dr. TenBroeck has been an Academic Advisor and served seven years as undergraduate coordinator, advising around 500 students a semester. She also serves on many committees, notably the UF Senate, American Youth Horse Council, Florida Cattlemen’s and Cattlewomen’s Associations, UF Equestrian Teams, UF Horse Judging, and 4-H Youth Regionals/Nationals.

Dr. Saundra TenBroeck joins 39 other women who have earned the respect and admiration of their peers by making outstanding contributions to Florida agriculture. Therefore, it is my distinct pleasure to congratulate Dr. Saundra TenBroeck on being named the 2023 “Woman of the Year in Agriculture.”

Sincerely,

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Wilton Simpson

Commissioner of Agriculture

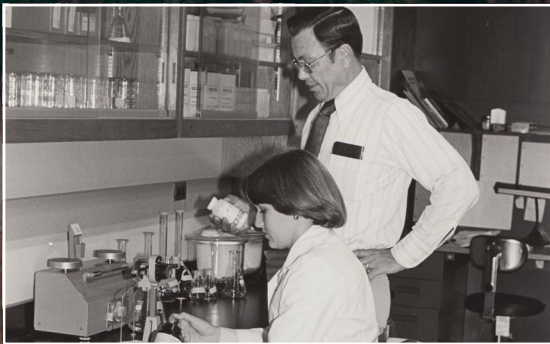




She was not born to an agricultural family. As a child her few connections to farm life included her father's bird dogs, occasional visits to her uncle's dairy farm and summers working in tobacco. So how is it possible that a woman with her background could come to influence the lives of thousands of young agriculturalists? Once you get to know Mama T, you begin to understand.



Saundra Hodge TenBroeck attended Clemson University with an eye towards becoming a veterinarian. Her junior fall term, Saundra reevaluated her career goals, envisioning a life working with healthy animals and young people. After graduating from Clemson, she attended Texas A&M in pursuit of a master's degree, then earning her PhD in reproductive physiology.

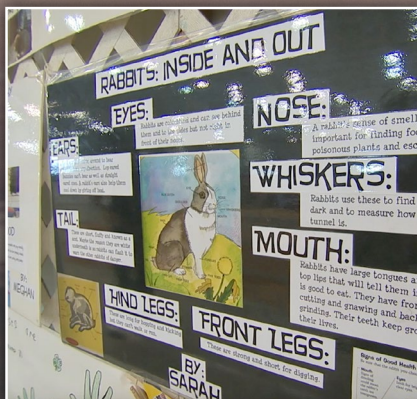


In October 1985, Saundra applied for a newly created extension position at the University of Florida. Roger West (left), then Animal Sciences Department Chair, hired Saundra as an assistant professor and the department's first Extension Youth Livestock Specialist.

For 17 years, Sandra served a myriad of organizations like 4-H, FFA, and the Junior Florida Cattlemen's Association. As a youth, Ronnie Simmons (right), Executive Director of the Florida FFA Association, grew up participating in events organized by Sandra; today he works with her on numerous FFA Vocational Agriculture Programs.



Sandra found new ways to bring young people and animal science together, introducing an educational component to everything she did. She played a key role in the development of the revolutionary Steer Futurity and Champion of Champions programs at the Florida State Fair, as well as the Youth Livestock Ethics Curriculum and Train the Trainer certification programs.



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Sandra fosters a shared vision with her colleagues of inspiring and empowering youth throughout the state of Florida. Left, Sandra visits UF's Horse Teaching Unit with her friend and fellow faculty member Joel McQuagge.



Despite a full workload, Sandra is the first to volunteer when a need arises, from being an advisor to UF's Block and Bridle Club to the coach of the university's Horse Judging Team. She also coached Florida's High Tensile Wire Fence Building Team for 4 years, winning the National Championship 3 out of 4 times at the Sunbelt Ag Expo. The winning teams were awarded trips to compete in New Zealand.





During her more than 30-year career, Sandra has impacted the lives of thousands of young adults. She has taught many different classes, developed new courses and curricula, and served as undergraduate coordinator as well as an Academic Advisor. Her nurturing presence, sense of fairness and “tough love” has earned her the title “Mama T.”



While she is the first to help others, Sandra knows that she could achieve nothing without her faith in God, the love of her family, and her husband Tim (left). While their three children, Ryan, Renna and Rebecca, are no longer at home, the couple enjoys life on their ten-acre property caring for nine horses, two dogs, and the family mascot, Onie the Pony.

PREVIOUS WINNERS

Woman of the Year in Agriculture

1985

Jo Ann Smith

1986

Ruth Wedgworth

1987

Dorothy Conner Shipes

1988

Carolyn Reed Kempfer

1989

Belle Jeffords

1990

Jeanette Barthle

1991

Ruth M. Tucker

1992

Carol C. Murphy

1993

Sarah W. Bailey

1994

Anne Wardlaw Dickinson

1995

Louve "Vee" Frierson Platt
and Patricia Robbins

1996

Norma Stokes

1997

Gertrude "Trudy" Carey

1998

Nancy Gurnett Hardy

1999

Vina Jean Banks

2000

Helen Houck

2001

Barbara Carlton

2002

Annette Barnett

2003

Jennie Lee Zipperer

2004

Martina "Teena" Borek

2005

Marlene Strickland

2006

Iris Pollock Wall

2007

Colleen H. Boggs

2008

Patsy Nathe

2009

Marcia Lightsey

2010

Ann Holt

2011

Sarah K. Childs

2012

Imogene Yarborough

2013

Lynetta Usher Griner

2014

Belinda Chason

2015

Lisa Hinton

2016

Judi Whitson

2017

Dr. Martha Roberts

2018

Dr. Ann Blount

2019

Dr. Jennifer Taylor

2020

Veronique Sallin

2021

Angela TenBroeck

2022

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MARCIA LIGHTSEY

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