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CERTIFIED ANIMAL WELFARE APPROVED BY AGW FARMER VISITS CAPITOL HILL TO TALK FARM BILL

**--Rachael Taylor-Tuller, veteran and owner of Lost Peacock Creamery in Olympia, WA, offered
representatives a perspective on independent, pasture-based farming--**



Matthew and Rachael Taylor-Tuller with Washington State Senator, Patty Murray Photo Credit: Lost Peacock Creamery

WASHINGTON D.C. (JULY 30, 2018)--Rachael Taylor-Tuller, along with her husband, Matthew, recently traveled to our nation's Capitol to share their experiences of being first-generation farmers with Washington state representatives. Taylor-Tuller is owner and operator of Lost Peacock Creamery in Olympia, WA, a Certified Animal Welfare Approved by AGW goat dairy, specializing in a variety of goat milk cheeses.

Taylor-Tuller is also a veteran, having served as an Air Force officer from 2005–2008, and served in the Iraq war during 2007–



2008. Her unique experience and perspective as a veteran, female, young and first-generation farmer offered valuable insights during her meetings with several representatives to discuss the new Farm Bill, which has not yet been agreed upon by the House of Representatives or Senate.

The Taylor-Tullers met with Deputy Secretary of the USDA, Stephen Censky, who outlined the myriad of opportunities and benefits available to veterans, young, beginning, female and minority farmers. They also met with Senator Patty Murray, House Representative Denny Heck (10th Congressional District), Senator Maria Cantwell and House Representative Mike Conaway (11th District of Texas), who is also the chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture.

Rachael Taylor-Tuller of Lost Peacock Creamery, says,

“A few things really stuck out to us, particularly how agricultural representation in the House and Senate has changed over the years. It used to be that everyone who sat on the House Committee on Agriculture had direct ties to farming, either owning a farm themselves or through a family member. But now, because America's ties to rural agriculture have changed, and fewer people are farming, our representatives in Congress have fewer ties to the land, too. Matthew and I were honored to represent independent farmers, young and beginning farmers, Certified Animal Welfare Approved farmers, female farmers and veteran farmers.”

This trip was funded by Northwest Farm Credit Services, a program of Farm Credit Counsel, which brought together veterans from around the U.S. who have embarked on farming careers post military service.

Certified Animal Welfare Approved by AGW goat dairy products from Lost Peacock Creamery are available at farmers' markets, restaurants and co-ops throughout western Washington. For more information about Lost Peacock Creamery, visit lostpeacock.com or contact Rachael at hello@lostpeacock.com and **360-280-6730**. Follow the farm on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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