

Beth Ford

President and Chief Executive Officer, Land O'Lakes, Inc.

Beth Ford serves as President and CEO of Land O'Lakes, Inc., a Fortune 200 food production and agribusiness company that is also a nearly 100-year-old farmer-owned cooperative. Beth's 33-year career spans six industries at seven companies. Since joining Land O'Lakes in 2011, she has held a variety of roles leading the farmer-to-fork business offerings. Today, she is a passionate advocate on behalf of farmers and rural America with the goal of connecting people, particularly in urban areas, to the farmers and rural communities who grow their food.

A native of Sioux City, Iowa, Beth holds a bachelor's degree from Iowa State University and a master's degree in business from Columbia University Business School. She also sits on the Board of Directors for the Fortune 150 company PACCAR, Inc., and numerous other industry, non-profit and university boards.

Beth has recently been recognized by Fortune as one of the World's 50 Greatest Leaders and Most Powerful Women, was named to Fast Company's Most Productive People and Best Leaders lists, and was named one of Time magazine's "Firsts," among other honors.

Education

BBA, Iowa State University
MBA, Columbia Business School

Experience

International Flavors and Fragrances (IFF)
Hachette Scholastic Corporation
PepsiCo/Pepsi Bottling Group
Perseco
Mobil Oil

Corporate boards

Board of directors, PACCAR

Industry leadership

Board of directors, National Milk Producers Federation (NMPF)
Board of directors, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives (NCFC)
Board of directors, Grocery Manufacturers Association (GMA)
United States Global Leadership Campaign Board of Directors (USGLC)

Community leadership

Board of directors, Greater Twin Cities United Way

Advisory board, W. Edwards Deming Center for Quality, Productivity and Competitiveness at Columbia Business School

Dean's Advisory Council, College of Business at Iowa State University

Past Chair, Twin Cities Go Red for Women