

Beth Ford

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

Like the company she leads, Beth Ford's career was built on a diverse and broad portfolio and a keen interest in innovation. She is president and chief executive officer of Land O'Lakes, Inc., the 100-year-old member-owned cooperative. The Fortune 200 ag and food giant boasts a unique farmer-to-fork portfolio from seed to feed to food, including the nation's No. 1 butter brand.

As one of the few women to head a Fortune 500 company, Beth has been recognized as one of Fortune's Most Powerful Women, Time Magazine's Firsts and one of Fast Company's Best Leaders of 2018. Her 30-year career includes leadership in seven companies in six industries -- energy at Mobil, food and beverage at Pepsi, and publishing at Scholastic, to name a few -- combined with experience on two publicly traded boards and high-level involvement in the community and the food and ag industry.

Today, she is leading groundbreaking work at Land O'Lakes, Inc. to help farmers grow more with less and answer consumer questions about where their food comes from. With nearly 4,000 member-farmers, \$15 billion in net sales and a company that touches half the harvested acres in the country and feeds nearly 100 million animals every day, Beth has a rich perspective from which to draw.

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