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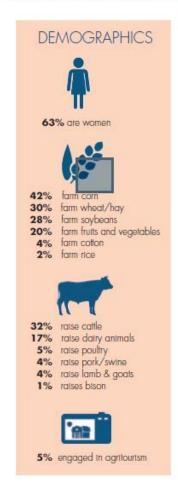
AFBF is the unified national voice of agriculture, working through our grassroots organizations to enhance and strengthen the lives of rural Americans and to build strong, prosperous agricultural communities.





Grassroots Outreach Team

GO Team members are Farm Bureau's key policy and media advocates. Farm Bureau created the GO Team to be effective in the new reality of advocacy: having advocates trained to effectively interact with the media and understand the best practices to influence lawmakers. The goal for the GO Team is simple: be the best team of grassroots and media advocates for agriculture.









Johnna Miller shared a link.

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Props to Oklahoma GO Teamer Hope Pugh Pjesky. The reporter for this French publication saw her Focus column on trade and asked for an interview on the topic!

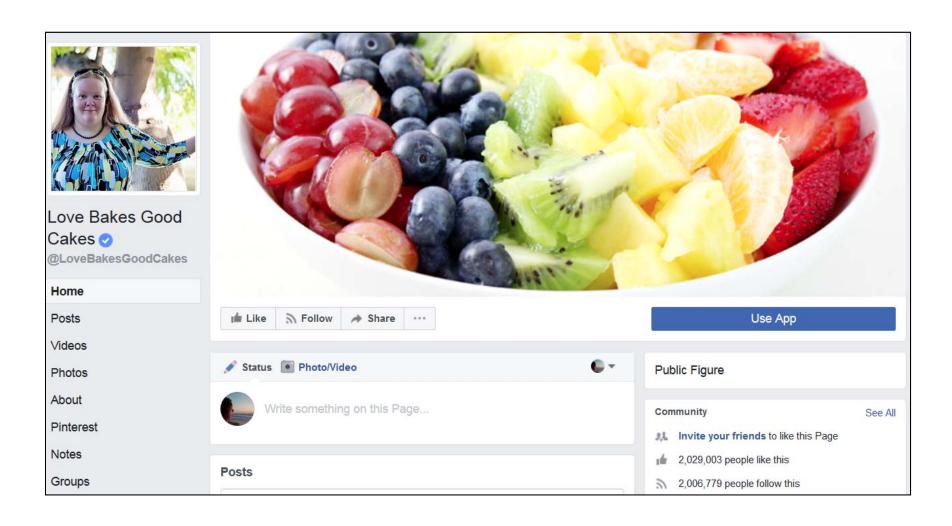


- En Floride ou dans l'Iowa, les agriculteurs américains divisés sur l'Aléna

Influencers on the Farm Tour



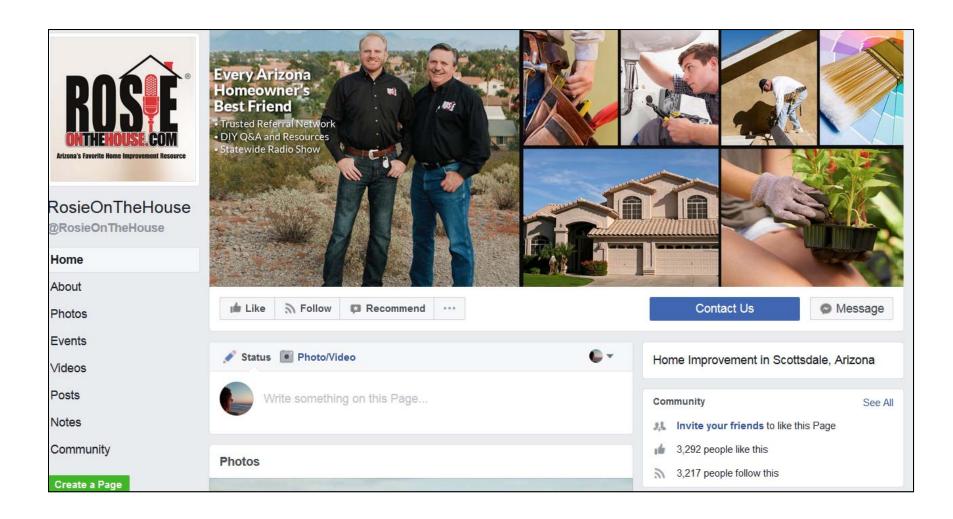
Influencers are the "New media"



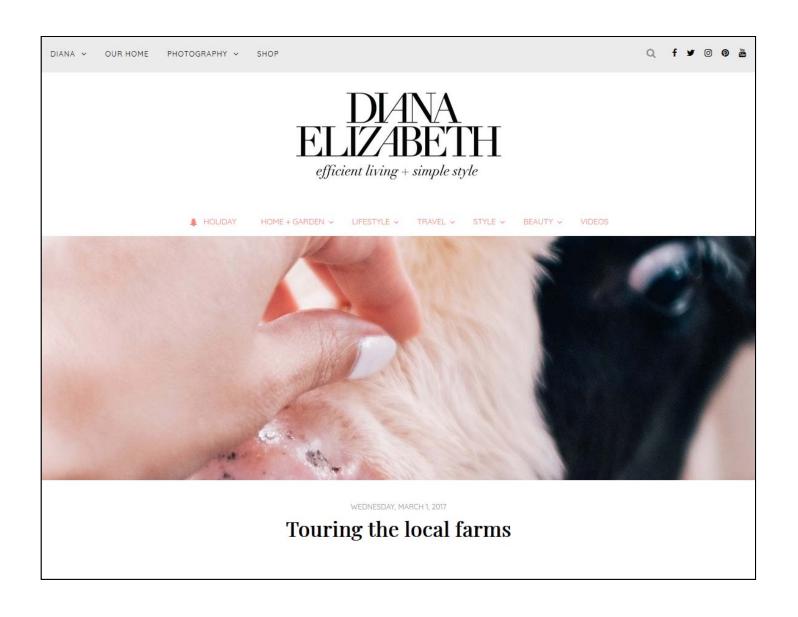
Influencers are Media Savvy



Media Personalities Wanted to Go



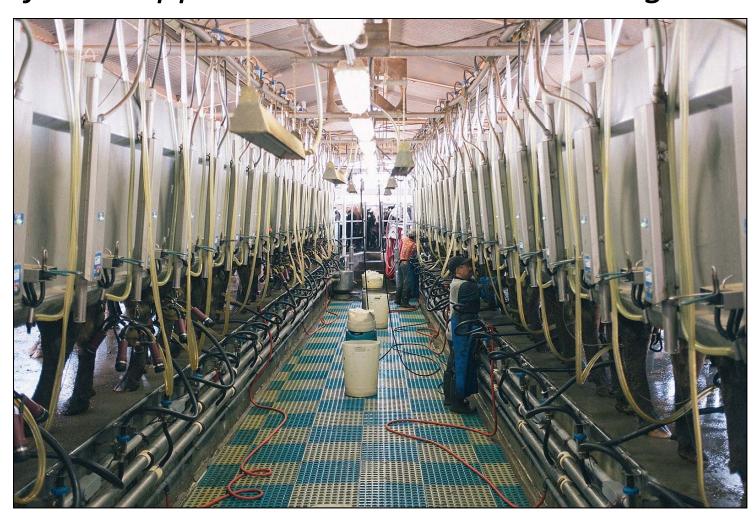
Bloggers Influence = Storytelling



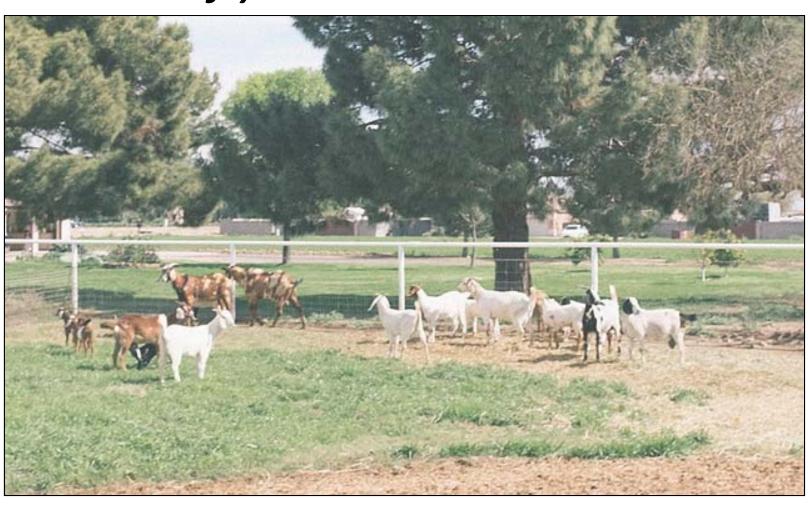
"Of course my favorite part was seeing the calf barn."



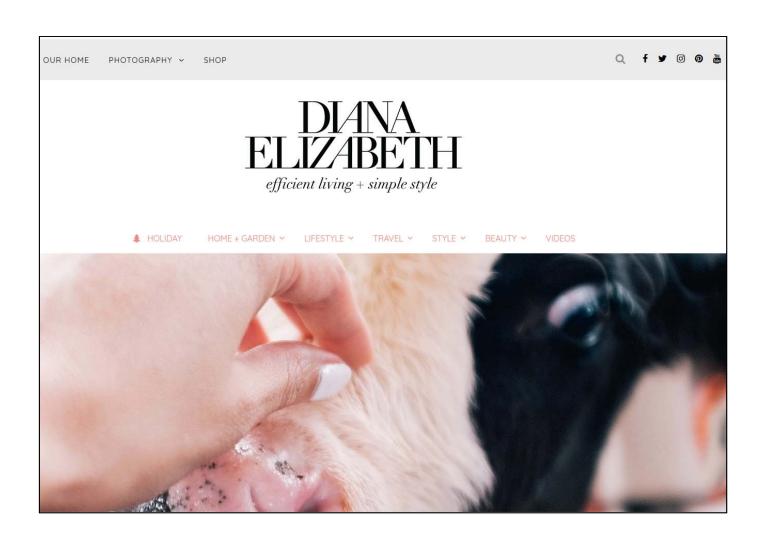
"We were able to watch cows get milked and my jaw dropped. It was the coolest thing...."



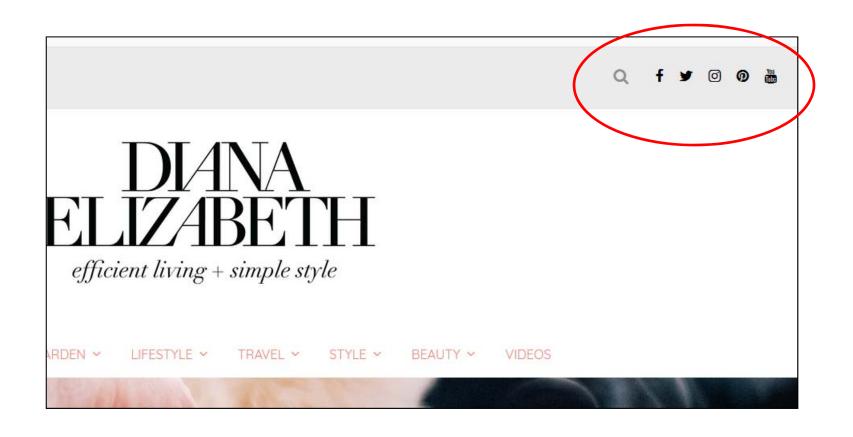
"Thank you farmers for all of your hard work!"



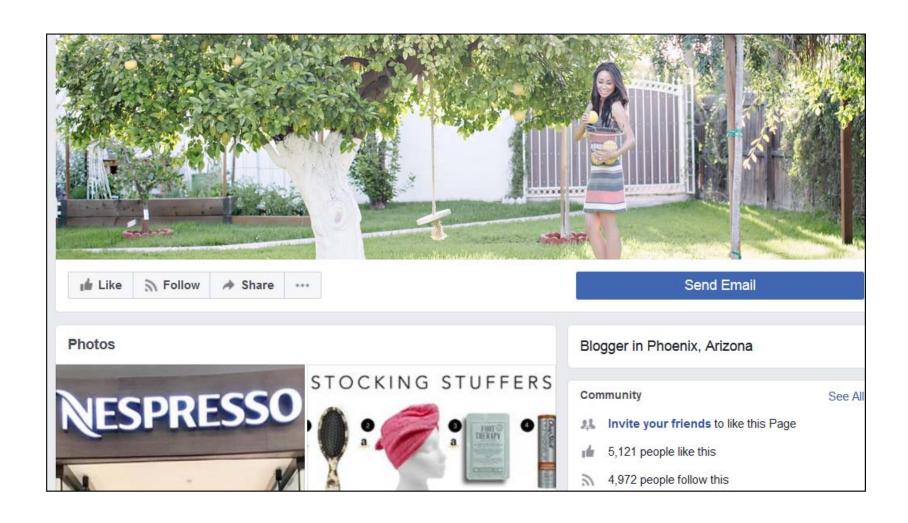
Influencing Beyond the Blog



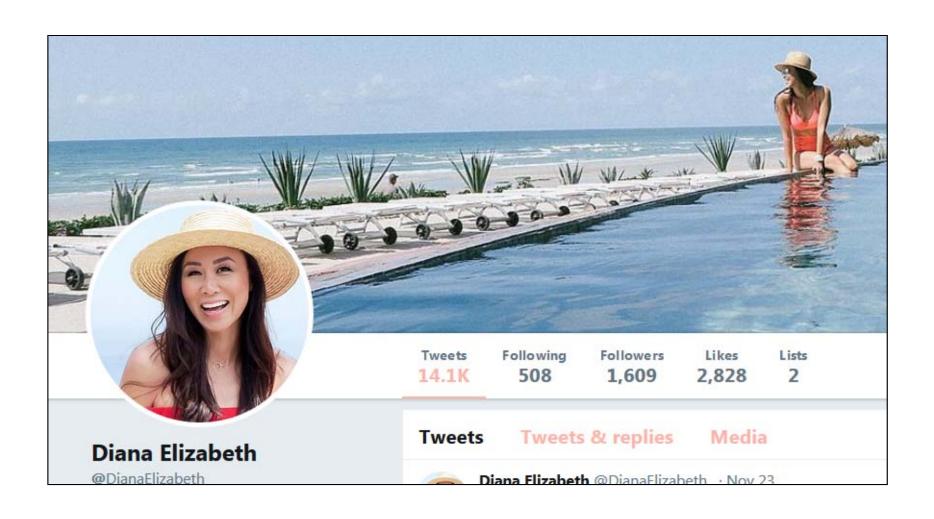
Influencers Use of Platforms



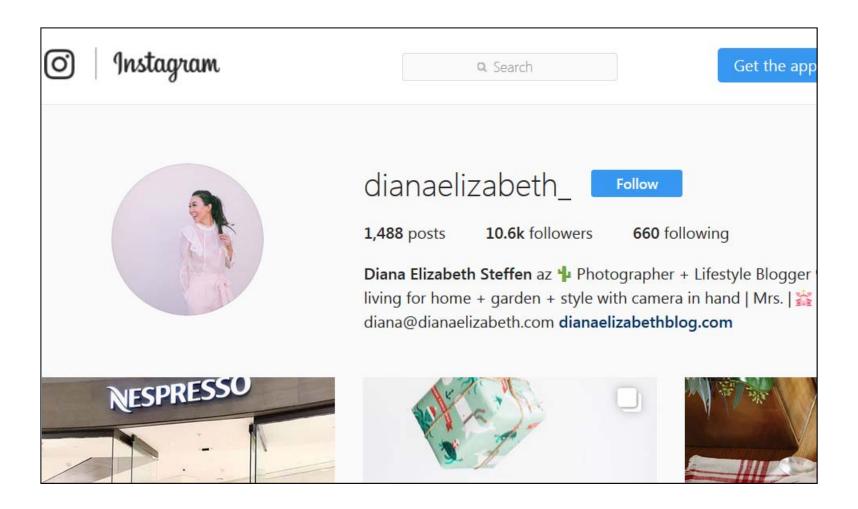
Facebook Influence & Followers



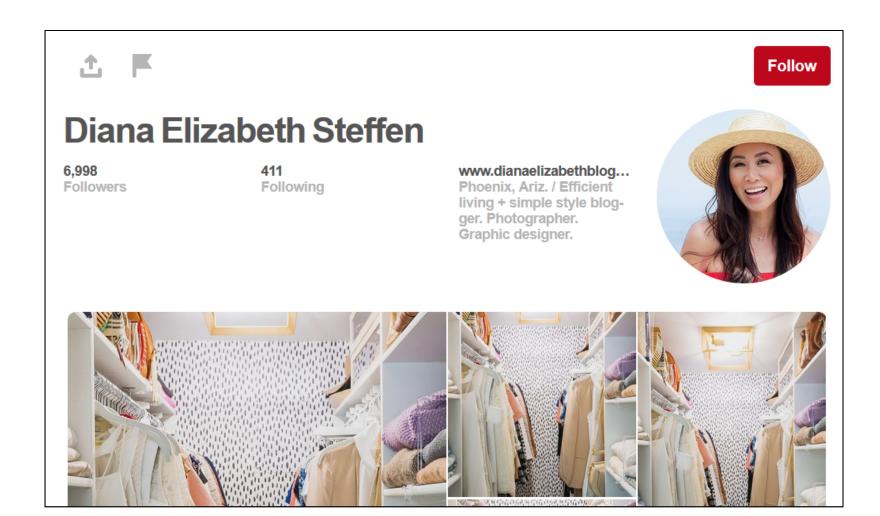
Twitter Influence & Followers



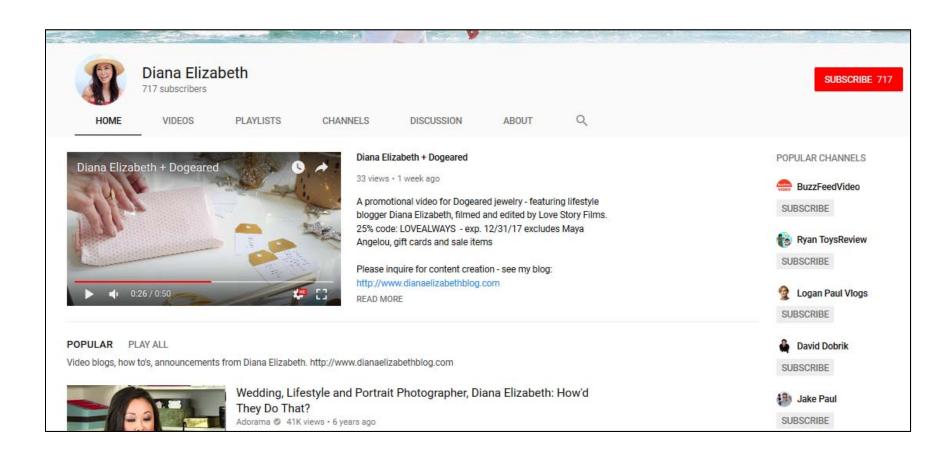
Instagram Influence & Followers



Pinterest Influence & Followers



YouTube Influence & Followers



Closing Thoughts: Working with Influencers

- <u>Decide</u> to engage traditional and new media outlets
- Design your event to offer "aha" moments
- Develop a list of different types of Influencers
- <u>Do</u> work with them in advance, during & after
- <u>Dig</u> into your membership and train them to become better influencers
- <u>Don't</u> overlook the 'Power of the Pen'
 - Value of 'Lifestyle' bloggers and the public they influence
- <u>Do</u> learn from them!

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