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profit," Spring said.

"Consequently, men, who grow commercial crops, have a monopoly over technology, economic resources, and family incomes."

Spring said technology available to women farmers is traditional and not very productive. Women do hand-hoeing to produce the family's food, and often provide a surplus for sale in local market's, she said.

To break the chains of forced dependence on backward technologies, rural Africa women would have to earn substantially more money, Spring said.

Tichenor agreed. "To raise women's agricultural productivity, it would be necessary for women to have the right to land ownership.

"Women should have access to credit facilities, fertilizers, pesticides, improved storage, and field-to-house transportation."

Dr. Elizabeth Bolton, a UF home economics specialist coordinating Madame Yaou's visit, said "African leaders must recognize the strengths and needs of the traditional farming systems on which they have so long relied.

"We hope that Madame Yaou's visit would bring home to local and international agricultural experts that the cheapest and most reliable method of increasing domestic food supply is the improvement and expansion of traditional women's sector." ■

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