

The Eighth Annual
Women's Agricultural Leadership Conference
Agriculture 2006:
"Redefining Agriculture"
Thursday, March 30, 2006
At the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum
3675 Arboretum Drive
Chaska, Minnesota

Agricultural leadership conference focused on the integral roles women play in agriculture; offering session on leadership, current events and issues in agriculture and skill-building opportunities.

Program Schedule

8 -8:45 a.m. Registration and Networking

8:45 a.m. **Opening Session**

Welcome –Yvonne Erickson, President American Agri-Women

9:00 a.m.

General Session **Re-Defining Agriculture** – short keynotes

Bonnie Bassett, Land O' Lakes Foundation Director

Rita VanderKooi, Dairy Producer and Collegiate Agri-Women Alumnae

Doris Mold, President of Minnesota Agri-Women and President of Sunrise Agricultural Associates

Moderator – **Betty Berning**, AgStar Financial Services

Re-Defining Agriculture Discussion by conference participants to follow keynotes

10:30 a.m. **Break and Networking**

11-11:50 a.m. **Breakout Session I** (Breakout sessions listed below)

12 noon **Lunch**

3rd Annual Agricultural Mentoring Awards recipients of this award honoring outstanding mentors in agriculture will be recognized during lunch

Remarks and Award Presentations by Lt. Governor Carol Molnau

We will also hear from

Jamie Millman, Minnesota FFA Vice-President

1:30-2:20 p.m. **Breakout Session II**

2:20-2:35 p.m. **Break and Networking**

2:35-3:25 p.m. **Breakout Session III**

3:30 p.m. **Closing Remarks – Val Velde**, Land O' Lakes, Inc. and Second Vice-President, Minnesota Agri-Women and Conference Planning Committee Member

Breakout Sessions

Re-Defining Agriculture -The Upcoming Farm Bill - David Ladd, Manager of Government Affairs, AgriBank, FCB

Re-Defining World Agriculture: Views from Brazil, China and Cuba – Ann Miron, Forest Lake FFA; Barb Overlie, Producer & American Soybean Association National Director; Trudy Wastweet, Education Director, MN Pork Board and MN Pork Producers

National Animal ID's: How they will re-define animal agriculture in the USA – Dr. Cindy Wolf, University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine and Producer

Bio-Energy in Minnesota – Kurt Markham, Agriculture Marketing Services Director, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Farm Business Plans/Credit Scoring and much, much more – AgStar Financial Services

The Bird Flu and other big, bad Zoonotic diseases – Dr. Jeff Bender, Program Director, Veterinary Population Medicine, University of Minnesota

Dealing with Different Personalities – Minnesota Agriculture and Rural Leadership Program

Growing a New Idea: Cornercopia, The Student Organic Farm at the University of Minnesota – Courtney Tchida, Student Program Coordinator, Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture

The University of Minnesota – Re-Defining Itself - TBA

Re-Defining Agriculture – examples from the Agricultural and Food Sciences Academy – Students and Staff from the Agricultural and Food Sciences Academy

Registration Fees

\$45 Regular by March 22

\$15 Student by March 22

\$55 Regular after March 22

\$20 Student after March 22

Online registration will available next week on www.a2kconference.net

Or mail registration to

Agriculture 2006: Redefining Agriculture

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Checks may be made payable to: "District 11 Agri-Women

We will be attempting, as much as possible, to coordinate transportation to the conference for AAW members, please let us know if you will need transportation. We will also have maps available for those who will be driving themselves to the conference site.

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