

The Ninth Annual
Women's Agricultural Leadership Conference
Agriculture 2007:
"Deciphering Our Future"
Tuesday, April 10, 2007
At the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum
3675 Arboretum Drive
Chaska, Minnesota

Agricultural leadership conference focused on the integral roles women play in agriculture; offering sessions 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 –Kayla Pearson, Minnesota State FFA President

9:00 a.m. **General Session**

Deciphering Our Future: Will "Rural" Matter?

Christine Burton, Director, Rural Policy and Strategic Development

Rural and Co-operatives Secretariats

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

Roundtable discussion by conference participants on Will "Rural" Matter?

Deciphering Our Future – Extraordinary Networking – Robin Kinney, MN Farm Bureau

Networking Interaction by conference participants

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

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

12 noon **Lunch**

4th 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

Belinda Jensen, KARE 11 Chief Meteorologist

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

Depart- Thank you for joining us!

Breakout Sessions

A Survival Kit for Rural America

- Christine Burton, Director, Rural Policy and Strategic Development Rural and Co-operatives Secretariats Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

Minnesota Wine: Pioneering a New Industry in Minnesota

- Nan Bailly, Master Winemaker, Alexis Bailly Vineyard

Deciphering Our Future – Weather, Science

- Belinda Jensen, KARE 11 Chief Meteorologist

Why Do We Eat? The Obesity Epidemic

- Allen Levine, Dean of the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences, University of Minnesota

Trade Matters

– Staci Bohlen, Minnesota Farm Bureau, National Issues Specialist

Crisis Communications

- Kim Polzin, Vice President of Consumer Communications for the Midwest Dairy Association

Farm Bill Perspectives

– Representatives from Minnesota Farm Bureau and Minnesota Farmers Union discuss the Farm Bill

Facing the Unknown

– Family Farm Transfers – Kristine Eustice, AgStar Financial Services

Misconceptions in Agriculture

– Emily Zweber, Minnesota Farm Bureau, Special Programs Coordinator

Deciphering Our Future

– Perspectives from the Agricultural and Food Sciences Academy- Louise Worm, AFSA AgriScience Staff and students from AFSA.

Registration Fees

\$45 Regular by April 2

\$15 Student by April 2

\$55 Regular after April 2

\$20 Student after April 2

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

Or mail registration to

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