



The Tenth Annual
Women's Agricultural Leadership Conference
Agriculture 2008:
"Celebrating the Power of 10"
Tuesday, April 8, 2008
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 to date

8 -8:45 am Registration and Networking

8:45 am **Opening Session Welcome** – *Amber Seibert, FFA State Vice President*

9:00 am **General Session**

MC- *Margaret Hart, Communications Coordinator MN Department of Agriculture*

Celebrating the Power of 10

Short Keynotes Provided by:

Shirley McClellan, Farmer and Distinguished Scholar in Residence at the University of Alberta. Faculties of Agriculture, Rural Economy and the School of Business

Megan Reeck, University of Minnesota Collegiate Agri-Women President

Kris Schmitt, Project Manager- Service Marketing John Deere

Linda Tank, Vice President Marketing Communications CHS

Roundtable discussion by conference participants on "Celebrating the Power of 10"

10:30 am **Break and Networking**

11-11:50 am **Breakout Session I** (Breakout sessions listed below)

12 noon **Lunch**
10th Anniversary Celebration

Remarks by Lt. Governor Carol Molnau; Robin Kinney, Assistant Commissioner Minnesota Department of Agriculture; and Doris Mold, Sunrise Agricultural Associates and Past-President Minnesota Agri-Women

Celebration of Conference Supporters

5th Annual Agricultural Mentoring Awards

Recipients of this award honoring outstanding mentors in agriculture will be recognized during lunch. Awards presented by Lt. Governor Carol Molnau.

1:30-2:20 pm **Breakout Session II**

2:20-2:35 pm **Break and Networking**

2:35-3:25 pm **Breakout Session III**

3:30 **Depart- Thank you for joining us!**

Break Out Sessions include:

Consumer Confidence in Food Safety and Defense: Reinforcing the Circle of Trust

Koel Ghosh, a post doctorate research fellow at University of Minnesota Food Industry Center

Minnesota Home-Grown Cooking--Buy Fresh, Buy Local

Beth Nelson- MISA, Brett Olson - Renewing the Countryside, presentation will also include a Minnesota chef and a Minnesota farmer

Trade and Rural Development Matters: Perspectives from Canada

Shirley McClellan, Farmer and Distinguished Scholar in Residence at the University of Alberta. Faculties of Agriculture, Rural Economy and the School of Business

Today's Opportunities: Assistance for Women Farmers through USDA NRCS

Debra Walchuk, State Outreach Coordinator, USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service

Advocating for Agriculture from Wherever You Are! Nora Nolden, Katie Miron, Erin Daninger, Tiffany Vue, Kelsey Taylor, Mickey Olson, Taylor Jeans, and Alex Murdock, Forest Lake FFA

Our State Fair is a Great State Fair! – Educating Fair Visitors about Agriculture

Michelle Fickett, Minnesota State Fair Agriculture Education Manager

How to Find Your Niche

Doug Rathke and Connie Karstens, owners of the Lamb Shoppe, Hutchinson, MN.

Empowering Women in Greater Minnesota with AURI - Teresa Spaeth, Executive Director, Agricultural Utilization Research Institute (AURI)

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