



The 11th Annual
Women's Agricultural Leadership Conference
Agriculture 2009:
Activating "Generation Next"

Tuesday, April 14, 2009
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** – Caitlin Kasper, Secretary Minnesota FFA and University of MN Collegiate Agri-Women

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

MC Megan Reeck, President University of Minnesota, Collegiate Agri-Women

Activating Generation Next

Short Keynotes Provided by:

Cherilyn Nagel, Past President Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association and Farmer, Canada

Trudy Wastweet, Assistant Executive Director – Minnesota Pork Board

Kris Zilliox, Key Account Manager, ConAgra

Roundtable discussion by conference participants on "Activating Generation Next"

Speed Networking

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

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

12 noon **Lunch**

Greetings from the MN Department of Agriculture - Deputy Commissioner Jim Boerboom

6th 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

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!

Break Out Sessions include

- 1) **Generation Next: Getting the Career You Want** Panel– Julie Tesch, MN Agricultural Education Leadership Council, Trudy Wastweet, Minnesota Pork Board, Kris Zilliox, ConAgra. Moderated by: Sarah Tesmer, MAELC
- 2) **Activating Your Involvement In Local Government** – Kim Halvorson, Halvorson Farms
- 3) **Tomatoes, Peppers, and Peanuts, Oh My! Recent foodborne outbreaks and traceback investigations in Minnesota** - Benjamin Miller, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
- 4) **Shopaholic goes Farming: How modern women can contribute in the agriculture industry-** Cherilyn Nagel , Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association and Farmer
- 5) **Meet Generation Next!** – Erin Daninger, Kayla Erickson, Katie Miron, Alex Murdock, Josie Neimczk, Kryst Nelson, Bailey Schwartz, Sarah Williamson and Emily Yzermans, Forest Lake FFA
- 6) **What’s Macroeconomics Got to Do With Agriculture? EVERYTHING!**– Dr. Brian Buhr ,University of Minnesota Department of Applied Economics
- 7) **The Times they are Ag Changing: the Evolving Role of Women in Minnesota Agriculture**– Doris Mold, Sunrise Agricultural Associates
- 8) **The 2008 Farm Bill and You** – Phyllis Framstad and Lisa Wilson, Stearns County, Minnesota Farm Service Agency, USDA
- 9) **Should Animals Be Used for Entertainment Purposes?** – Katie Eggert, Miranda Lemke, Paige Lemke, Allyssa Sims, Briana Sondergard, Chelsea Vichis and Emily Zins, Hutchinson FFA

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