



The 12th Annual  
Women's Agricultural Leadership Conference  
**Agriculture 2010:**  
**New Perspectives**  
Wednesday, April 7, 2010  
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 -8:40 a.m. Registration, Networking

8:45 a.m. **Opening Session**  
**MC: Caitlin Kasper**, President University of Minnesota, Collegiate Agri-Women

**Welcome** – Sarah Tesmer, President Minnesota Agri-Women

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

**New Perspectives Keynote**

Robin Kinney, Assistant Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Roundtable discussion by conference participants on “New Perspectives”

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

10:25 a.m. **New Perspectives mini-sessions-** roundtables on different topics (4 turns)

*Find out about issues, ideas and the next big thing on a wide range of topics.*

Annie's Project; Ag Advocacy; Farm Service Agency Programs; Growing Your Own Food; Kelley Farm; MAST International Program; Minnesota Ag In The Classroom (MAITC); Minnesota Farmer Assistance Network (MFAN); Organic Agriculture; Social Networking; Regional Development and more.

11:15-12:05 **Breakout Session I**

12:10 **Lunch**

**7th 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**

1:15 Speed Networking

1:40-2:30 p.m. **Breakout Session II**

2:35-2:50 p.m. **Break and Networking**

2:55-3:45 p.m. **Breakout Session III**

**Breakout Sessions Include:**

**Land O'Lakes International: Developing Women, Developing the World** – Meredith Kruger, Project Manager, Land O' Lakes International Division

**The Potential Impact of the Upcoming Elections on Rural Minnesota and Agriculture** – Brad Finstad, Executive Director, Center for Rural Policy and Development

**Advocating for Agriculture in a New Age** – Caitlin Kasper, National Collegiate Agricultural Ambassador and President University of Minnesota Collegiate Agri-Women

**What's New in Local Foods** – Paul Hugunin, Minnesota Grown Program, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

**The Invisible Woman: learn how not to be one in your career or farming operation** – Monica Anderson, Co-Owner, Brad Anderson Farms, LP

**Using Social Media to Communicate Agriculture's Message** – Margaret Hart and Allan Sommerfeld, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

**Whats Around the Corner?** – Forest Lake FFA

**Flourishing Health – Even in Difficult Economic Times** – Dr. Scot Pearson, Pearson Chiropractic Clinic

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