

14th Annual Women's Agricultural Leadership Conference



Agriculture 2012: Changing the Face of Agriculture

Wednesday, April 11, 2012
Minnesota Landscape Arboretum
3675 Arboretum Drive
Chaska, Minnesota

Agriculture 2012: Changing the Face of Agriculture is an 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.

Anyone with an interest in agriculture may attend, but the conference is specifically aimed at women who are actively involved in all forms of agriculture as a career or who are students with the intent of entering an agriculturally related career.

The conference format includes breakout sessions, where participants may connect with influential and motivated people in agriculture. In addition, there will be ample opportunities for networking during the continental breakfast, lunch, and breaks.

During our noon luncheon, recipients of the 9th Annual Ag Mentoring Awards will be honored. The awards will be presented by Minnesota Commissioner of Agriculture Dave Frederickson.

More information about the conference may be found at www.womensagleadership.org. Sponsorship opportunities are still available--please contact Doris Mold at 612-414-7574 or doris@sunriseag.net.

This conference is being coordinated by Minnesota District 11 Agri-Women and is supported by a broad range of organizations and businesses.



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Program:

8:00 am	Registration and Networking
8:45 am	Welcome - Chelsea Vilchis, Minnesota FFA Association State Reporter
9:00 am	General Session - "Changing the Face of Agriculture" Panel Discussion Betty Berning, Senior Buyer - Dairy, General Mills Sangeetha Gummadi, Soil Conservationist, USDA NRCS Wright County, Minnesota Pakou Hang, Executive Director, Hmong American Farmers Association Kristin Weeks Duncanson, Minnesota Agri-Growth Council Chair & Owner/Partner Duncanson Growers
	9:40 Roundtable discussions on "Changing the Face of Agriculture" at tables
	9:55 Report back by table spokespersons
	10:05 Wrap-up discussions
10:10-10:25	Break and Networking
10:30-11:15	Changing the Face of Agriculture Mini Sessions at Roundtables
11:20-12:10	Breakout Session I
12:15 pm	Lunch and Networking Welcome-Sue Kruger, President Minnesota Agri-Women Remarks-Minnesota Commissioner of Agriculture Dave Frederickson 9th Annual Agricultural Mentoring Awards-hosted by Sarah Dornink, Past-President Minnesota Agri-Women, presented by Dave Frederickson
1:15-1:30 pm	Speed Networking
1:40-2:30 pm	Breakout Session II
2:35-2:50 pm	Break and Networking
2:55-3:45 pm	Breakout Session III
3:50 pm	Depart: Thank You for Joining Us!

Breakout Sessions:

Getting Agriculture Off the Endangered List: Natasha Mortenson, Morris Area FFA Advisor, along with Kaitlin Van Horn, Jake Moser, Brooke Wentz, and Tom Holland, Morris Area FFA members

Immigrant Women in Minnesota Agriculture: David Krueger, Associate Vice-President, AgStar Financial Services; Becky Balk, Senior Planner, Minnesota Department of Agriculture; Ly Vang, Executive Director, Association for the Advancement of Hmong Women in MN; Pakou Hang, Executive Director, Hmong American Farmers Association

Changing the Face of Agriculture? - The New Farm Bill: Matt Wohlman, Assistant Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

How to be Outrageous: Speed Version: Peg Lonquist, Director, University of Minnesota Women's Center

Advocating for Agriculture/Grassroots Advocacy: Eunice Biel, Dairy Farmer, Harmony, MN

The New Urban Agriculture: Paula Westmorland, Owner Ecological Gardens and Co-Founder of the Permaculture Research Institute Cold Climate (PRI)

Agriculture + Advocacy = Agvocacy: Emily Zweber, Executive Director, AgChat Foundation

A Full Circle: Walking Alongside Maasai Women of Tanzania: Deb Pangerl, Co-Founder and Executive Director, The IMAGE Project and Author

Chocolate, Broccoli and Other Foods to Live By: Jodie Skolnick, MBA and Registered Dietetic Technician

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- Regular (by April 2) \$45/person
- Regular (after April 2) \$55/person
- Student (by April 2) \$15/person
- Student (after April 2) \$20/person
- First Time Attendee (by April 2) \$30/person
- First Time Attendee (after April 2) \$40/person
- AgriWomen Member (\$40 after Apr 2) \$30/person
- Patron \$65/person
- Contributor \$85/person
- Sponsor \$100/person

REGISTRATION

Register Online

www.womensagleadership.org
 Payments made through secure PayPal service.

Register by Mail

Enclose check payable to "District 11 Agri-Women"
 Mail to: Agriculture 2012
 c/o Sunrise Agricultural Associates
 PO Box 8192
 Saint Paul, MN 55108

If mailing registration, please cut-out this registration box and mail with your payment. Thank you!

Questions?

Call 612-414-7574 -or- e-mail doris@sunriseag.net

Cancellations received before April 2 are 100% refundable. Cancellations received after are charged the entire conference rate. Patron, Contributor, and Sponsor levels ensure the continued success of this annual conference:

Patron: fee covers full cost of attendance to the conference

Contributor: fee covers full cost of attendance, plus affords students and others the opportunity to attend

Sponsor: fee covers full cost of attendance, plus furthers the mission of District 11 AgriWomen, whose activities include this conference, a mentoring program and a networking directory.

First Time Attendees and AgriWomen members receive a discounted rate. Conference fee includes entrance to Arboretum, regularly \$9.

Directions to the Arboretum:

The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum (www.arboretum.umn.edu) is located 4 miles west of Chanhassen on State Hwy 5, 1/4 mile past the intersection of Hwy 5 and 41. Please tell the gatekeeper you are attending the Women's Agricultural Leadership Conference.

From Minneapolis/St. Paul:

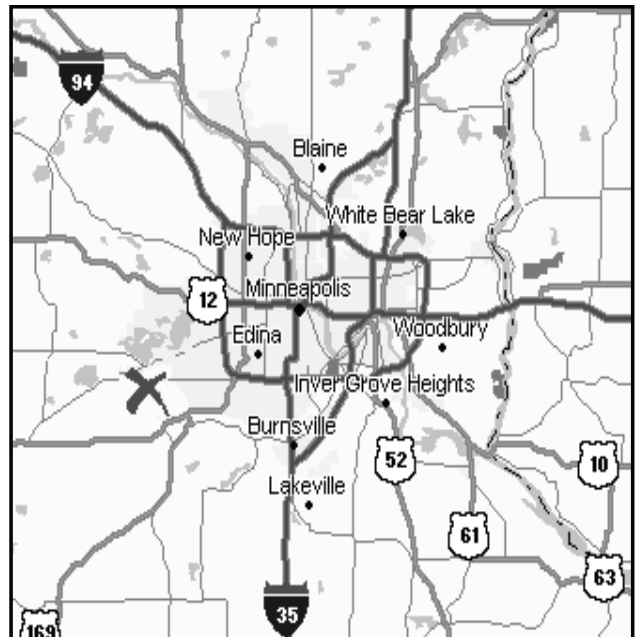
Take 1-494 West to Hwy 5 (exit 11C) -OR-

Take 35W to Hwy 62; follow signs for Hwy 212, but do not exit the highway; continue west on Hwy 5. Follow Hwy 5 for about 9 miles.

Slightly past the intersection of Hwy 41, there will be a small brown sign on the right-hand side of the road just before the Arboretum entrance. On the left, you will see a large entrance sign. Turn left to enter. Please be careful while turning, as there is much traffic on Hwy 5.

Accommodations:

The Arboretum has partnered with Country Inn and Suites in Chanhassen to offer visitors exclusive hotel discounts www.countryinns.com/arboretum.



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