

Celebrating 20 Years



Women's Agricultural Leadership Conference  
**Agriculture 2018:  
Passion for Progress**

The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum  
3675 Arboretum Drive | Chaska, Minnesota

**CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2018

- 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Registration and Networking**
- 8:35 a.m. Welcome**  
Welcome – Katie Benson, Minnesota State FFA President  
Emcee – Amanda Durow, Senior Credit Officer, CoBank
- 8:45 a.m. General Session – Executive Leadership**  
Panelists: Jeanne Crain, CEO, Bremer Bank; Linda Tank, Senior VP Marketing Communications, CHS, Inc.; Karin Schaefer, Executive Director, Minnesota Beef Council; and Valerie Early, past Central Region Vice-President, National FFA Organization
- 9:25 a.m. Roundtable Discussion by Conference Participants**
- 9:40-10:10 a.m. Reflecting on 20 years**  
Highlight the previous 20 years of conferences and vision for the future  
Conference Founders: Doris Mold and Robin Kinney
- 10:10 a.m. - 10:25 a.m. Break**
- 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Mini Sessions ROUNDTABLES ON DIFFERENT TOPICS**  
Find out about issues, ideas and the next big thing on a wide range of topics. Participants will have the opportunity to take part in up to three mini-sessions. There will be multiple sessions going on in the room simultaneously which will create substantial energy.
- 11:20 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. Breakout Session I**
- 12:15 p.m. - 1:10 p.m. Lunch**  
Greeting – Doris Mold, American Agri-Women Past-President  
Update from Minnesota Agri-Women  
Remarks – Dave Frederickson, Minnesota Commissioner of Agriculture  
16th Annual Agricultural Mentoring Awards recipients – honoring outstanding mentors in agriculture
- 1:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Speed Networking**
- 1:40 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Breakout Session II**
- 2:35 p.m. - 2:50 p.m. Break and Networking**
- 2:55 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. Breakout Session III**
- 3:50 p.m. Depart – Thank you for joining us!**



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## BREAKOUT SESSIONS & SPONSORS

### Canada and the U.S.: Trading Partners

Suzanne Cormie, Senior Trade Commissioner, Government of Canada

### City Girl Gone Ag

Myah Walker, Compliance Specialist, Sparboe Farms

### The Farmer Stress Pressure Cooker

Meg Moynihan, Senior Advisor Strategy and Innovation, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

### Fun with Facebook Live: Virtual Field Trips

Sue Knott, Education Specialist, MN Ag in the Classroom  
Keri Sidle, Education Specialist, MN Ag in the Classroom  
Alauna Yust, Communications Coordinator, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

### GMOs – Truths and Myths

Nancy Wulfekuhle, Communications Specialist, Minn-Dak Farmers Cooperative

### In Pursuit of Progress: Working Across Differences (in Agriculture & Beyond)

Dr. Amy Smith, Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota

### Managing the Relationship with your Ag Lender

Ahna Compart, Senior Credit Officer, Compeer Financial  
Amanda Durow, Senior Credit Officer, CoBank

### Mastering Accountability

Sheila Marshman PhD, NY FarmNet Financial Consultant

### Passion for Sales

Teresa McNeal, Customer Marketing Manager, Syngenta

### Progressing Women in Agribusiness Panel

Elizabeth Stephan, GenEx Program Lead, Syngenta  
Wally Palm, Global Head of Seeds Quality Operations, Syngenta  
Kristine Thompson, Director of Business Integration, CHS, Inc.  
Brittany Ullrich, Digital Technology Manager, Land O'Lakes  
Moderator: Jamie Averbek, Credit Examiner, Bremer Bank

### Talking Farm Policy and 2018 Farm Bill

Amber Glaeser, Director of Public Policy, Minnesota Farm Bureau  
Thom Peterson, Director of Government Relations, MN Farmers Union  
Lucas Sjostrom, Executive Director, Minnesota Milk  
Moderator: Megan Roberts, Extension Educator Agricultural Business Management, University of Minnesota Extension

### Tanzenwald Brewing Company: Benefits and Challenges of a Farm to Table Restaurant

Jenaveve Pittman, Owner, Tanzenwald Brewing Company  
Dennise Herskind, Sales Representative, Sysco Corporation

### 4-H Science of Agriculture Challenge: Helping Youth Explore the Progression of Agricultural Careers

Beyond the Farm SOAR team of Sydney Mitchell, Olivia Balfanz, Kendra Blaschko, and Amelia Schatz with Katie Johnson, Extension Educator Youth Development, University of Minnesota Extension

### Contact, Connect, and Conquer!

Robin Kinney, Director of Membership and Program Development, American Farm Bureau



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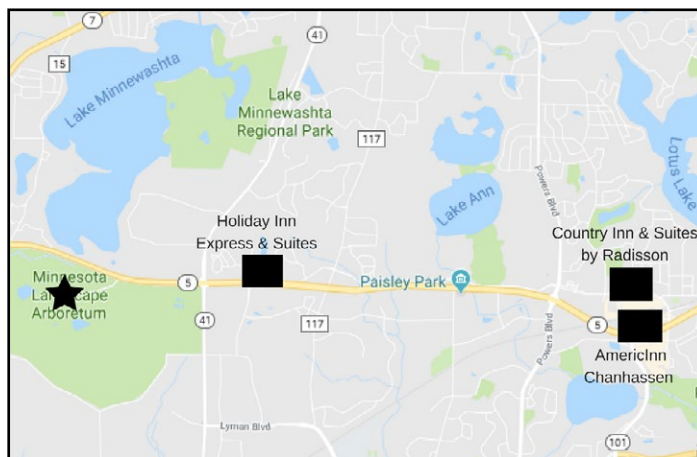
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