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Outstanding Agricultural Mentor Award in its 22nd Year

Nominations are being sought for the 2024 Outstanding Agricultural Mentor Award. The Outstanding Agricultural Mentor Award is in its 22nd year and recognizes people in agriculture who have been positive mentors and role models for people in agricultural fields, especially for women. Mentors play an integral role in the development of our agricultural leaders, and they often go unheralded. Please assist us in recognizing these outstanding mentors by nominating a mentor that has made an impact for agriculturalists. Minnesota District 11 Agri-Women formally recognizes the excellent work of these mentors during the annual Women's Agricultural Leadership Conference, which will be held April 10, 2024, at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum.

Anyone may nominate a mentor to receive this award. You do not have to be in a formal mentoring program to make a nomination. Mentors can be of any age or gender identity and need to have influenced somebody in the field of agriculture. Although this award is coordinated by Minnesota District 11 Agri-Women, mentors or their nominators need not be affiliated with the Agri-Women organization, nor is affiliation considered criteria for evaluation.

Nominations are due <u>March 20, 2024</u>. Nomination forms are available on the Women's Agricultural Leadership Conference web site at www.womensagleadership.org or by e-mailing Emily Krekelberg at krek0033@umn.edu.

A list of past award winners can be found on the Women's Agricultural Leadership Conference web site at www.womensagleadership.org.