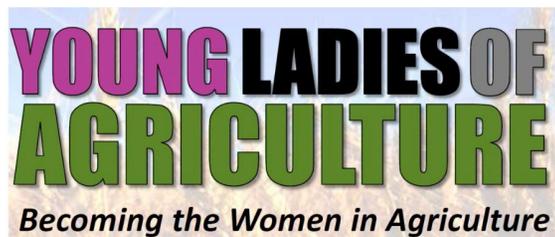




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The Midwest Women in Agriculture Conference is February 22-23, 2017 at the Swan Lake Resort in Plymouth, IN. To learn more about the conference, go to <https://ag.purdue.edu/extension/WIA/SiteAssets/Pages/default/Brochure%20for%20the%202017%20Midwest%20Women%20in%20Ag%20Conference.pdf>. Registration fee doubles after February 8, 2017.

Contact the resort (www.swanlakeresort.com) for reservations under the group rate, Midwest Women in Agriculture. The group rate of \$89/night, is available until January 21, 2017.



Two events will also be offered for Young Ladies of Agriculture - February 9th at the Purdue Beck Agricultural Center and February 22nd during the Midwest Women in Agriculture Conference. These are networking and career exploration events that support young ladies (grades 8-12) who have an interest in agriculture. More information is available at <https://ag.purdue.edu/extension/WIA/Pages/default.aspx>

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**A farm women's series for
management and
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Healthy Family, Healthy Farm

**February 6th, 13th, and 20th
6:00-8:00 PM**

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***A light meal will be provided. There is no
cost to attend these sessions.***

What is the *Empowering Farm Women* Program?

Empowering Farm Women is a program that brings farm women together to increase their management skills for today's agriculture businesses. Many farm women are currently managing some or all aspects in many farming operations. This program is designed to bring ladies together to explore and share management strategies to improve their farm businesses.

This year's theme for the series is Healthy Farm, Healthy Family. Realizing that farm women delicately balance their business and family roles, we are focusing on a farm management topic, as well as a health topic during each session. The Empowering Farm Women program provides a safe environment for women to learn and grow together. Join us for three sessions on topics that can help keep your family and farm business thriving during the challenging times ahead.



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2017 EFW – Healthy Farm, Healthy Family

Session One: February 6, 6:00-8:00PM

Farm Family Financial Planning

Paul Marcellino, Purdue Extension Educator in Howard County, will discuss the long-term crop price and net return outlook, as well as trends in cash rents and land values. Careful agronomic decision making will be key to improving financial stability in the current climate. Purdue's suite of financial analysis tools also will be demonstrated. Additionally, Jane Horner, Purdue Extension Educator in Cass County, will discuss tips for managing farm family living expenses.

Session Two: February 13, 6:00-8:00 PM

Keeping the Farm in Your Family

How can you position your operation to protect it for the future? This session will focus on utilizing business structures to help keep your farm in the family. Renee Wiatt, Family Business Management Specialist for the Department of Agricultural Economics at Purdue, will share her expertise on farm family business management. There is a common misconception that because family members are in business together, things will go smoothly. Developing solid communication skills benefits the business and the family, and is incredibly important when handling challenging situations. Andrea Brown, Purdue Extension Educator in Carroll County will lead a discussion on opening the lines of communication.

Session Three: February 20, 6:00-8:00 PM

Keys to Affording and Enjoying Retirement

Farm families are faced with unique challenges related to retirement planning and implementation. Paul Marcellino will address retirement planning considerations and the tools that are available to help make informed decisions. The financial aspect of retirement is only part of the equation. Enjoying the freedom of retirement is just as important! Jane Horner will provide helpful suggestions to ensure that you are able to fully enjoy your retirement. This includes tips on health and emotional well-being, as well as how to manage the new found freedom in your schedule.

2017 *Empowering Farm Women* Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email Address _____

_____ Please add me to your email list so that I may receive communication related to Women in Agriculture topics.

Please circle which sessions you are attending:

February 6—Farm Family Financial Planning

February 13 —Keeping the Farm in Your Family

February 20—Keys to Affording and Enjoying Retirement

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