

# *Women of Iowa Agriculture*

**A Resource Guide of Women's  
Groups & Programs**





## About this Resource Guide

Women have played a central role in Iowa agriculture for centuries and today are key decision makers for more than half of Iowa's farmland. More women are taking on responsibility for the day-to-day operations on many farms and incorporating conservation practices onto their land.

Through vital educational programs, women's agriculture groups provide women training and expertise needed to successfully meet the challenges of operating a farm and making tough business and conservation decisions. Whether they are an owner, operator or partner, the education opportunities available through these organizations help women be successful.

This resource guide contains information on key groups that provide networking opportunities, conferences, field days, workshops, webinars and other activities—especially for Iowa women.

Ultimately, we hope this guide will help you connect with other farm women, find a mentor, get answers to your farm management questions and become part of the growing community of Iowa farm women.



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Are you interested in taking courses on farm and business management? Are you looking for networks and educational opportunities in your communities? Would you like to be part of a statewide or regional organization? Are you interested in attending annual conferences on a variety of topics for women in agriculture?

If you said yes to any or all of the above, Iowa has you covered! Our state is full of resources that can meet the specific needs, interests, and availability of women land-owners and farmers across the state. We look forward to connecting with you!

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The goal of FarmHer is to include women in the image of agriculture and to provide a connection point for these women. This is done through a national cable television show and a SiriusXM radio show and podcast.

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Iowa Women in Agriculture works to expand the knowledge and economic potential of women farmers, landowners, and agribusiness professionals and their capacity to network with one another. Formed in 2005 as a nonprofit organization, IWIA is governed by a volunteer board of directors who plan and execute all aspects of its programs and services, including the annual conference.

IWIA's core mission of providing information, resources, and networking opportunities to women working in a dynamic agricultural industry culminates in a statewide conference held in late summer in central Iowa. Conference sessions and workshops focus on topics including marketing, finances, transition planning, water quality, conservation, record-keeping, leadership, technology, agronomics, government farm programs, and nutrient management. Participants are offered the options of attending an evening networking reception, and a pre-conference afternoon tour.

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ISU Extension & Outreach Women in Ag's mission is to improve the quality of life in Iowa by providing research-based educational programs that expand agricultural enterprise, improve natural resource management, and support the community of women in agriculture.

The program offers local farm business management courses such as **Annie's Project** and Managing for Today and Tomorrow – Farm Transition Planning. Women in Ag also hosts a Women Impacting Agriculture recognition program to honor amazing women each year. Extension holds online classes, tours, local workshops, and other programs in response to audience requests.

The **ISU Extension and Outreach Women in Ag Leadership Conference** brings together women farmers and landowners, women in agribusiness and women interested in agriculture. The conference advisory committee designs this annual event around three major goals. Women will take home and carry with them: 1) a belief in their own leadership abilities and the power of lifelong learning, 2) connections with other women that inspire their leadership journey and 3) new skills that enhance their leadership on the farm, in agribusiness and other industries and in their community.



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Southwest Iowa Women in Ag's mission is to "Empower and create excellence through education." The group provides opportunities for agricultural stakeholders to attend educational events, share resources, and network with others in the ag industry. Southwest Iowa Women in Ag coordinates events featuring industry leaders as keynote speakers. Topics covered at these events include grain marketing, business finances and structure, succession planning and personal growth and wellness. The group also holds career fairs for high school students featuring careers in the agricultural industry.



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The Women, Food & Agriculture Network's (WFAN) mission is to engage women in building an ecological and just-food agricultural system through individual and community power. WFAN exists so that women can give each other the information, connections, and encouragement they need to be effective practitioners and supporters of sustainable agriculture and healthy, community-based food systems.

WFAN coordinates three programs: **Women Caring for the Land**, for women who own farmland and rent their land; Harvesting Our Potential, serving aspiring and beginning women farmers; and Plate to Politics, helping our members become leaders in their communities.




## Women, Land & Legacy

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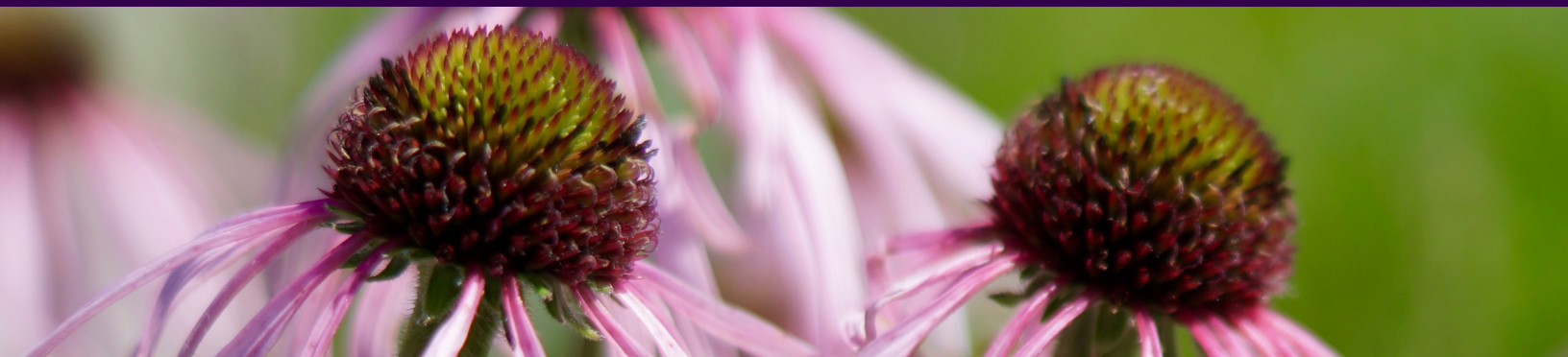
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Women, Land & Legacy (WLL) is a USDA education and outreach program that has impacted thousands of Iowa women in agriculture. Its mission is listening to women at the local level and connecting them with each other and with resources to help them make confident, informed decisions for their land and communities. Working locally in counties throughout the state, WLL empowers women landowners and farmers through active participation, educational sessions and networking opportunities. Look to see if there is a local team in or near your county by viewing the *Participating Counties* page on the website.







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