

'Managing for Today and Tomorrow: Farm Transition Planning' course to begin in August

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Creating a transition plan to make sure a farm continues as a productive business can be challenging. Farm women can learn how to plan a successful farm transition in a five-session course offered by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. The "Managing for Today and Tomorrow: Farm Transition Planning" program, a new Annie's Project course, has been scheduled in Iowa City on Tuesday evenings, August, 20th through September, 17th.

Managing for Today and Tomorrow: Farm Transition Planning meets from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, August, 20th through September, 17th, at the Johnson County Farm Bureau office in Iowa City, Iowa.

The cost is \$75 per person, which includes a 300-page workbook with fact sheets, hands-on activities, and presentations. A light supper will be served before each class at 5:45 p.m. Course size is limited, so please register soon.

Farm women will learn about business, estate, retirement and succession planning from ISU Extension and Outreach specialists and area professionals. In addition to brief presentations, there will be discussions based on participant questions and follow-up activities for family members to complete at home.

"We're happy to be a partner in bringing this valuable program to Johnson County," said Gene Mohling, Regional Extension Education Director, "This farm transition course is an opportunity for farm women to meet with others who share similar issues and concerns. A small class size

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makes it comfortable for everyone to speak up and get questions answered.”

Annie's Project, an agricultural risk management education program for women, has successfully reached more than 8,000 farmers and ranchers in 30 states. “This new Farm Transition program emphasizes the role women play in helping transfer farms from one generation to the next,” said Ryan Drollette, ISU Extension Farm Management Specialist. “Managing for Today and Tomorrow: Farm Transition Planning will empower women to take ownership of the future of their farms,” said Ryan. Farm Credit Services of America is a statewide sponsor of Annie's Project courses.

For more information contact Ryan Drollette, ISU Farm Management Specialist at 319-337-2145 or drollett@iastate.edu ; or Shannon Bielicke, at the Johnson County Extension office at 319-337-2145 or Bielicke@iastate.edu .

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