

Views from VanDeWalle

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Annie's Inspired – A Three Hour Session for Farm Women Involved in Agriculture

Farm and ranch women are generating a cultural tide in American agriculture that is moving management, assets and opportunities to a new wave of farmers across the country. At Annie's Project workshops, farm women become empowered to be better business partners or sole operators through networks and by managing and organizing critical information. Whether you are a woman working full-time in the operation or have off-farm employment, Annie's Project is for you.

A new "short-course", titled Annie's Inspired will be held in four different locations in South Central Nebraska. This one-evening workshop is being repeated in Fillmore, Clay, Nuckolls and Thayer Counties, all running from 6-9:00 p.m. with a light meal included. Registration is \$5 per participant and due one week prior to the respective program date. Program dates and locations include:

- February 11th - Fillmore County Extension Office – Geneva
- February 18th - Clay County Fairgrounds - Clay Center
- February 25th - Compadres Mexican Restaurant – Hebron
- March 4th - Nelson Senior Citizen/Community Center - Nelson

The workshop is designed to be discussion-based, bringing women together to learn from experts in human resources, basic crop production issues, and other topics of interest to the group. There will be plenty of time for questions, sharing, reacting and connecting with presenters and fellow participants. The learning environment will be relaxed and fun, providing a dynamic way to learn, grow and meet other farm and ranch women.

To register, the \$5 fee is payable to University of Nebraska-Lincoln due 1 week prior to the workshops attending and can be sent to: Fillmore County Extension, 1340 G Street, Geneva, NE 68361. Statewide program sponsor includes Farm Credit Services of America. Annie's Project courses have successfully reached more than 9,000 farm and ranch women in 33 states. Linda, an Annie's Project alumna says, "I took the class to gain a better understanding about agribusiness and how financial decisions impact our farm operation. I have a better understanding of balance sheets and the futures market...this class has improved communication with my spouse on concerns he works with on a daily basis."

Course size is limited, so please register by calling the Fillmore or Clay County Extension office at 402.759.3712 or 402.762.3644 or for more information, go to:

<https://wia.unl.edu/anniesproject>. For more information contact Brandy VanDeWalle at 402.759.3712 or brandy.vandewalle@unl.edu.

Don't forget about the next **Farmers & Ranchers College** program held February 12, 2019 - Managing Ag Land in the 21st Century! Registration at 9:15am, Program from 9:30am - 3:00pm at the Fillmore County Fairgrounds in Geneva, NE.