

**2010 National Women in Agriculture Educators Conference
March 24 -25, 2010
Pre-Conference Seminar – March 23, 2010**

Baltimore, Maryland

The goal of this conference is to broaden risk management educational programming for women in agriculture, to encourage new programming efforts, and to strengthen existing programs.

Call for Concurrent Session and Poster Proposals – [deadline extended - January 7, 2010](#)

The 2010 National Extension Women in Agriculture Educators Conference will bring together private and public sector educators, crop insurance agents, lenders, and other agricultural professionals who are involved in outreach education, to share ongoing and emerging successful risk management education efforts directed toward women and their families who are involved in production agriculture. Conference participants will learn about educational efforts which assist women producers to effectively manage financial, production, marketing, legal and human resource risks associated with their agribusinesses.

Audience

The conference is intended to be a resource and professional development opportunity for Extension educators, lenders, crop insurance agents, and other agricultural professionals who are working with or who have plans to work with women involved in agriculture.

Concurrent Session and Poster Proposals

Concurrent session presentations are being solicited which highlight successful risk management education programming efforts, and which particularly emphasize programs geared toward women who are involved in production agriculture. Abstract submission is encouraged from any public or private entity involved in risk management education for agricultural producers. Proposals for panel presentations and/or multi-region presentations are encouraged.

Length of sessions: ½ hour, 1 hour or 90 minute sessions, depending upon the time required to adequately present the educational material. As you consider which length session to choose, we would like presenters to allow 5-15 minutes at the end the session for questions and interaction.

Poster exhibits: Tables will be available for table-top poster displays. Exhibitors will be responsible for providing a structure, such as a display board, to secure and exhibit their poster. Conference participants will have an opportunity to interact with the poster authors during an evening reception on March 24th.

Topics for Proposals

Concurrent session topics may include programming related to the five areas of risk addressed by agricultural RME including: financial, production, marketing, legal and human resource. In addition, concurrent sessions may include topics such as project funding, program development and marketing, networking methods within your region, and unique delivery methods.

Poster exhibit topics may highlight current successful women in agriculture programming efforts, or other educational programs meeting criteria similar to that noted above for concurrent session presentations.

Format for Proposals

Proposals will be accepted online. To submit a proposal for a concurrent session presentation or a poster display, please go to the [National WIA Conference](http://www.agrisk.umn.edu/wia/) website (<http://www.agrisk.umn.edu/wia/>). The website will provide space for an abstract (maximum of 250 words) to describe your educational effort, how it was of benefit to women and their families involved in agricultural production, or how it has made an impact by increasing funding, sustaining programs, etc.

Review of Proposals

A peer review committee will consider each proposal that is submitted by the deadline of Thursday, January 7, 2010. Decisions will be made in mid-January, at which time presenters will be notified.

Guidelines for Concurrent Presentation Speakers and Poster Authors

Workshop and poster presenters will be expected to register for and participate in the entire Women in Agriculture Conference (March 24-25, 2010). Keeping in mind the need for advance travel arrangements, please note that the conference will begin early on the morning of March 24th and conclude on March 25th at noon, and the pre-conference seminar will take place on the afternoon of March 23rd.

Concurrent session presenters should be prepared to submit an electronic copy of their presentation prior to the conference. Further instructions will be provided at a later date.

If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Wolinski (lgw@udel.edu, 302-831-2538) or Susan Olson (sbolson@udel.edu, 302-831-6540).