Agronomy Class for Women To be Held at Smeltzer Iowa Learning Farm

Agronomy in the Field is a multi-session workshop being offered to women landowners, farmers, conservationists and other interested women who are interested. This series of workshops will be held every other Tuesday at 5:45 p.m. at the Smeltzer Iowa Learning Farm during the growing season. The Learning Farm is located one mile south of Otho on P59. The address is 2610 Nelson Ave.

The goals of this series are to strengthen agronomic skills for women that allow for better decision-making, provide a better understanding of inputs for crop production, see and understand different conservation practices and increase confidence in communication with spouse, farming partner, ag retailer or tenant.

“I am excited to initiate a second co-hort of women interested in learning more about agronomic principles and conservation practices”, said Angie Rieck-Hinz, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Field Agronomist. “Last year I met with an eager group of women at the Northern Iowa Research Farm who wanted to position themselves to make more informed decisions about planting and inputs with tighter margins.”

Topics to be included are: include planting conditions, crop growth and development, replant considerations, weed, disease and insect identification, pest management principles, scouting techniques, tillage practices, conservation practices and water quality. The series is designed to be hands-on and conducted in the field to see real-time conditions. Each session will be approximately one hour. You do not need to commit for the entire season to attend. There is no charge for this series, but you must register by contacting Extension Field Agronomist, Angie Rieck-Hinz at amrieck@iastate.edu or 515-231-2830. The first session will be held on April 19, rain or shine.

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