

“Annie’s Project” Equips Farm Women with Modern Business Tools & a Local Support Network

A multi-county collaborative effort called **Annie’s Project** filled an educational need for women involved in agriculture. Participants from Crawford, Sac, Ida and Cherokee counties were engaged in an 18 hour comprehensive program designed to strengthen their role in the modern farm enterprise.



Each participant was empowered with tools to improve human resources, time management, risk management, legal issues, financial record keeping, and production records.

From 2003 to 2008, 1,211 women participated in **Annie’s Project**. Supporters of this program included: Farm Bureau, Vohs Seed, United Bank of Iowa, Ida Grove Public Library, and Iowa State University Extension staff. The Iowa Association of County Extension Councils also awarded a mini-grant of \$500 to support this program. Participants indicate they continue to apply these tools in their daily practice and find the timely on-line resources from Iowa State University particularly useful.



“Women involved with agriculture have typically been an underserved population. With the mission to ‘empower farm women to be better business partners through networks and by managing and organizing critical information,’ Annie’s Project provided the research-based information to deliver a quality program to improve the lives of farm women in this quad-county area.”

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For more information about this program or other Iowa State University Extension resources, contact the Ida County Extension Office at (712) 364-3003. Information is also available on the Iowa State University Extension website at www.extension.iastate.edu.

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