Women Managing the Farm finalizes speaker lineup

Annual conference set for Feb. 9-11 in Manhattan

MANHATTAN, Kan. -- Organizers of a conference that helps prepare women to successfully participate in multiple farm roles have announced the full lineup of speakers for 2022.

Women Managing the Farm will be held Feb. 9-11 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Manhattan. The conference provides training, risk management tools and professional resources to help women and men successfully manage the farm.

Registration costs $175 and includes all sessions, materials and meals. Pre-conference sessions are available for an additional $25.

Conference officials announced the final two speakers of this year’s conference.

Shannon Ferrell, a professor of agricultural economics at Oklahoma State University will kick off the Feb. 11 agenda at 7:45 a.m. with a talk on the legal elements of farm business management and transition planning.

Tanner Ehmke, the lead economist with CoBank’s Knowledge Exchange research team, will give an industry outlook at 12:45 p.m. on Feb. 11, talking about sectors that are currently affecting the rural economy.

In early January, organizers announced that Courtenay DeHoff -- known widely as the “Fancy Lady Cowgirl” -- will give a keynote talk on Thursday, Feb. 10 at 8 a.m. A Kansas cowgirl-turned-television-host, DeHoff will bring her inspirational message of how she has embraced rural and urban lifestyles through a cowgirl spirit. Her website proclaims her belief that “a cowgirl is not defined by what she wears or where she lives.”

The conference has been held every year since 2005, though last year’s event was online only due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Nearly 300 women attended the conference in-person in early 2020.
This year’s breakout sessions feature several topics, including:

- Employee management for farms in Kansas.
- Farm Service Agency programs.
- Soil health.
- Farm tax update.
- Land transition.

Conference updates also are available on Facebook.

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Women Managing the Farm, http://womenmanagingthefarm.com
Registration, (Women Managing the Farm), http://womenmanagingthefarm.com/registration
Courtenay DeHoff website, http://courtenaydehoff.com
Facebook, www.facebook.com/womenmanagingthefarm

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