

Livestock and Natural Resources

This past weekend, I participated in the Women in Ag workshop in Corning Kansas. It was a huge meeting. There was laughter and there were tears. I really enjoyed hearing Jolene Brown, the Dr Phil of Agriculture. I heard her many years ago, and her presentations were better this time! Of course KSU's Mykel Taylor, Ag Economist is always educational and entertaining. Maybe, she will become the Warren Buffet of Agriculture? Thank you Nemaha, Jackson and Pottawatomie County Conservation Districts for making this happen!

From the classroom to the farm to the boardroom, women in agriculture are helping to pave the way for a better future. As leaders, it is our responsibility to make sure the next generation of women are educated, encouraged and empowered to take on the challenges of meeting the world's growing food, fuel and fiber needs. To help women in Kansas connect with other women leaders in agriculture all across the country, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has established a woman in ag mentoring network.

Join the conversation by emailing AgWomenLead@usda.gov or check out #womeninag on Twitter.

Currently 28% of Kansas farmers are women. There are currently 25,611 women farmers in Kansas. Those women operate 14,307,245 acres with an \$276 million economic impact.

Of course, not all of the women in attendance last weekend are the sole operators, but they still have a big influence on their farms. The slogan for the day was Women in Agriculture, the Heart of the farm.