

Heart of the Farm

Women in Agriculture Conference



Friday, March 2, 2007

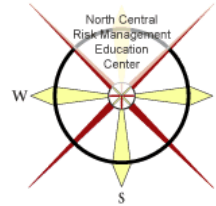
LaSure's Hall

Oshkosh, WI

9:30 am—3:00 pm

(LaSure's Hall is located on Washburn St. South of Hwy 44 near the 44/41 overpass. It is on the same frontage road as the Prime Outlet Mall)

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Registration due by February 23, 2007

Registration Form

Send Registration form and check to:

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Appleton, WI 54914

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/ State: _____

Zip: _____ County: _____

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Registration Cost: \$20.00

Please make checks payable to:

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Heart of the Farm— Oshkosh

Mission

Farm Management and Production Education for Women

Improving Farm Business
Decision-Making

Agenda

- 9:30 am** **Registration**
- 9:45 am** **Introductions**
- 10:15 am** **Breakout Session 1**
(choose from A or B or C)
- 11:00 am** **Break**
- 11:15 am** **Breakout Session 2**
(choose from A or D or E)
- 12:00** **Lunch (Provided)**
- 1:00 pm** **Breakout Session 3**
(choose from F, D or C)
- 1:45 pm** **Break**
- 2:00 pm** **Michael Perry, author of**
Population 485
and *Truck: A Love Story*
- 3:00 pm** **Adjourn**

Speakers

A. Agriculture Law—Round 2. Phil Harris, Farm Law Specialist, UW-Madison. Phil is back by popular demand! This session will take off where last year's session ended. Learn about legal aspects of development rights, the impact of extra-territorial rights of cities on farms, farm business arrangements and farm transfers.

B. Energy Savings Approaches for the Farmstead. Jennifer Herman, Focus on Energy. This session will provide you with practical ideas to save on your energy bill for the farm. Learn about more efficient lighting in your barn or upgrading your vacuum pump and the programs available to assist you with these projects.

C. Labor Laws and Employee Management. Todd Pfeil, Pfeil & Millonzi, LLC. This workshop will give you a sound basis for hiring and managing ag employees in WI. Issues include: Interviewing & applications, overtime, hours of work, wage payment requirements, child labor & minimum wage, unemployment & workers compensation.

D. How to Work Side by Side and still Like Each Other. Karin Lager, Marriage & Family Therapist, & Chris Stephenson, Counselor, Family Services of Northeast Wisconsin. Farm families experience tremendous amounts of stress due to low cash flow, constant intermingling of work and family life, long hours, and demanding physical labor. Learn coping strategies to manage stress, improve communication & decision-making skills to enhance your family & working relationships.

E. Renewable Energy for the Home & Farm. Mary Ann Phalen, Focus on Energy. Learn about the old ideas that are new again & the newest ideas for renewable energy for both the home and the farm; from solar, wind, hydropower to energy from biomass.

F. Easy, Low-maintenance Landscaping for the Farm. Outagamie Co. Master Gardeners. Learn simple landscaping tips that can improve the look of your farm, with minimal care. This session will also cover planting windbreaks and cultivating a butterfly garden.

Goal

The *Heart of the Farm — Women in Agriculture Conference* addresses the needs of farm women by providing education on pertinent topics, connecting them with agricultural resources, and creating support networks.



Michael Perry, author of ***Population 485* and *Truck: A Love Story***

Michael Perry is a humorist and author of the bestselling memoir *Population 485*, and the essay collection *Off Main Street*. Perry has written for *Esquire*, *Newsweek*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *Outside*, *Backpacker*, *Orion* and *Salon.com* and is a contributing editor to *Men's Health*. His essays have been heard on NPR's *All Things Considered* and he has performed and produced two live audience recordings (*I Got It From the Cows* and *Never Stand Behind a Sneezing Cow*). Perry lives in rural Wisconsin, where he remains active as a volunteer firefighter and emergency medical responder. He can be found online at www.sneezingcow.com