



New Interactive Online Sessions Help Women in Agriculture Cope with Stress

“Cultivating Resiliency for Women in Agriculture” Webinar Series starts Dec. 14 and is a project of American Agri-Women, District 11 Agri-Women, University of Minnesota Extension-Women in Ag Network and the Upper Midwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center (UMASH).

COLCHESTER, Vermont, Dec. 9, 2018 — A new interactive series of online sessions to help women in agriculture cope with stress launches Dec. 14. “Cultivating Resiliency for Women in Agriculture” is a series of six 90-minute webinars and is a joint project of American Agri-Women, District 11 Agri-Women, University of Minnesota Extension-Women in Ag Network and the Upper Midwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center (UMASH).

The free sessions start at noon central, will include a Q&A session and will be recorded and archived for later viewing:

- Dec. 14 - Impact of Farming and Ranching Stress for Women 101
- Jan. 11 - Self-Care Tips to Help Reduce Stress
- Jan. 25 - You Can't Pour from an Empty Cup — How do you fill it up to support yourself and others?
- Feb. 8 - Building and Maintaining Relationships in Stressful Times
- March 8 - Increasing Your Joy and Happiness While Living a Farm Life
- April 12 - Putting it All Together

Sign up at www.americanagriwomen.org/webinars.

“Our goal is to help women in agriculture focus on what they can control in these challenging times and connect them to resources and information to help them endure stress,” says Jeanette Lombardo, president of American Agri-Women, which is the nation’s largest coalition of farm, ranch and agri-business women.

Nationwide Survey

The “Cultivating Resiliency” project, which is funded by a UMASH grant, also includes a survey to help gather data to develop future programming. Here’s the link to take the survey, which will be open soon, z.umn.edu/CULTIVATINGSURVEY.

Webinar Facilitators

Shauna Reitmeier and Brenda Mack, both of whom have agricultural backgrounds, will lead the webinars.

Reitmeier has a master’s degree in social work and over 20 years of experience in the behavioral healthcare and cognitive disabilities fields. She is CEO of the Northwestern Mental Health Center, which serves adults, children and families in Northwest Minnesota.

Brenda Mack is a behavioral health and human services consultant, trainer and presenter and an assistant professor in the Social Work Department at Bemidji State University (BSU). Mack is a licensed independent clinical social worker through the Minnesota Board of Social Work.

About American Agri-Women

American Agri-Women promotes the welfare of our national security through a safe and reliable food, fiber and energy supply. For more than 40 years, AAW members have worked together to educate consumers; advocate for agriculture; and offer networking and professional development opportunities. Go to the AAW web site for more information and to join, www.americanagriwomen.org. Find AAW on social media at: Facebook.com/AgriWomen/, Twitter.com/Women4Ag/ (@Women4Ag) and Instagram (@americanagriwomen).

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