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Annie's Project to expand



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ASIX-WEEK program called Annie's Project is being expanded in North Dakota. It gets under way the week of Jan. 21 at 23 locations across the state.

Introduced in North Dakota two years ago, Annie's Project has received very high reviews from the approximately 400 women who have participated in the program. Because of this success, the program is expanding for the third consecutive year.

According to Willie Huot, Annie's Project state coordinator and North Dakota State University Extension Service agent, the program will be delivered to all sites through the Interactive Video Network and local presenters.

Empower farm women

The objective of the curriculum is to empower farm women to be better business partners in their farm or ranch operations. This project gives them the skills and confidence to become more actively involved in the decision-making process.

"I wish I would have taken this course years ago" is the most frequent comment made by participants at the

Key Points

- Annie's Project has been such a great success that it's expanding.
- It will be held in 23 locations across North Dakota beginning in January.
- The program helps farm women acquire business skills and confidence.

end of the project," Huot says.

The six-session program offers comprehensive information on key farm management topics including:

- how bankers make loan decisions
- tracking expenses and income for businesses and families
- mastering spreadsheets
- land-rental agreements
- retirement, farm transfer and estate planning
- grain and livestock marketing
- insurance needs, including crop insurance
- personnel management
- business plans — why and how to develop them

Site locations

Classes will begin in the following com-

munities on the following dates:

Jan. 21 — McCluskey, Williston and Wishek

Jan. 22 — Cavalier, Grand Forks, Langdon, Bowbells, Carrington, Devils Lake and Minot

Jan. 23 — Bismarck/Mandan, Dickinson, Elgin, Halliday and Hettinger

Jan. 24 — Fargo, Jamestown, Oakes and Wahpeton

More information

More information about Annie's Project, as well as registration details, is available at www.ag.ndsu.edu/anniesproject or can be obtained by contacting Huot at 701-780-8229 or e-mailing willie.huot@ndsu.edu.

The cost is \$100 for the course. Seating is limited at all sites. Those interested in the program are urged to register early.

Annie's Project in North Dakota is sponsored by the NDSU Extension Service, Farm Credit Services and North Dakota Grain Growers Association. In addition, there are many local sponsors at each location.

Source: *NDSU Extension Communications*

Calendar of Events

December

19: Irrigation Workshop, Williston, N.D. Contact Tom Scherer. Phone: 701-231-7239.

20: Corn College, Moorhead State University, Moorhead, Minn. Contact Doug at holen009@umn.edu.

20: Western Dakota Crops Day, Hettinger, N.D. Contact Eric Eriksmoen at 701-567-4323.

January

8: Growing Agriculture with 2008: an agricultural forum presented by Diversity, Direction & Dollars and the North Dakota Grain Growers Association, Days Inn, Dickinson, N.D. Contact Sheena at 701-222-2216. Web site: www.ndgga.com.

8: 38th Annual Research Reporting Session, Holiday Inn, Fargo, N.D. Sugarbeet Research and Education Board of Minnesota and North Dakota. Contact Mohamed Khan at 701-231-8596. Web site: www.sbreb.org.

8-9: Lake Region Extension Roundup, Devils Lake, N.D. Contact Terry Gregoire at 701-662-1364. Web site: www.ext.nodak.edu/county/ramsey.

8-10: Beef 2020, SDSU Animal Science Complex, Brookings, S.D. Contact Cody Wright at 605-688-5448. Web site: ars.sdstate.edu/extbeef/BEEF_2020.htm.

8-10: Dakota Farm Show, Vermillion, S.D. Contact Ron Howard at 507-437-7969.

8-17: 2008 January research updates for ag professionals, seven locations. Contact Jochum Wiersma at 218-281-8629. Web site: iap.umn.edu/components/researchupdates.htm.

10-11: 39th Annual Pork Congress, Sioux Falls, S.D. Web site: www.sdppc.org/calendarNEW.php.

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15: Wide World of Weeds Workshop, Ramada Plaza Suites, Fargo, N.D. Contact Mohamed Khan at 701-231-8596.

16: Soil and Soil/Water Workshop, Ramada Plaza Suites, Fargo, N.D. Contact David Franzen at 701-231-8884.

20-22: North Dakota Grain Dealers Convention, Holiday Inn, Fargo, N.D. Call 701-235-4184.

21: 15th Annual Crop Insurance Conference, Fargo, N.D. Contact Sandy Osborne at 701-231-8642.

21-22: Northern Pulse Growers Annual Convention, Holiday Inn, Minot, N.D. Call 701-222-0128. Web site: www.northernpulse.com.

23: Best of the Best Wheat Production, Dickinson, N.D. Contact Roger Ashley at 701-483-2348, ext 106. Web site: www.ag.ndsu.nodak.edu/dickinso.

23-25: KMOT Ag Expo, North Dakota State Fair Center, Minot, N.D. Web site: www.kmot.com/Ag_Expo.htm.

23-27: Sioux Empire Farm Show, Sioux Falls, S.D. Contact Ron Bormaster at 507-437-7969. Web site: www.siouxfallschamber.com/FarmShow/farmshowIntro.cfm.

29: Fargo Sugarbeet Growers Seminar, Holiday Inn, Fargo, N.D. Contact David Franzen at 701-231-8884.

31: Minn-Dak Sugarbeet Growers Seminar, Eagles Club, Wahpeton, N.D. Contact Mohamed Khan at 701-231-8596.

February

5: Grand Forks Sugarbeet Growers Seminar, Alerus Center, Grand Forks, N.D. Contact Mohamed Khan at 701-231-8596.

5-6: ManDak Zero Till Association Workshop, Minot, N.D. Contact Alan

Ness or Greg Endres at 701-442-5457. Web site: www.mandakzerotill.org.

7: Grafton Sugarbeet Growers Seminar, Parish Center, Grafton, N.D. Contact Mohamed Khan at 701-231-8596.

7-9: 2008 Winter Conference, Northern Plains Sustainable Agriculture Society, Seven Seas, Mandan, N.D. Phone: 701-883-4304. Web site: www.npsas.org/events.html.

13: 11th Annual Canola Days, Langdon, N.D. Contact Sheri at 701-221-2028. Web site: www.northerncanola.com.

14: Subsurface Water Management Forum, Fargo, N.D. Web site: outlet.coafes.umn.edu.

15: North Dakota Buffalo Association Winter Conference, Best Western Seven Seas and Waterpark, Mandan, N.D., at 701-252-1122. Web site: www.n.d.buffalo.org/saledate.htm.

20-21: International Crops Expo, Alerus Center, Grand Forks, N.D. Contact Dale Hoff at 218-281-7133. Web site: www.cropexpo.com.

21-22: Advanced Crop Advisers Workshop, Fargo, N.D. Contact Greg Endres at 701-652-2951. Web site: www.ag.ndsu.nodak.edu/carringt.

26-27: Eastern Field Crop School, Fargo, N.D. Contact Marcia McMullen at 701-231-7627.

March

4-9: North Dakota Winter Show, Valley City, N.D. Call 701-845-1401. Web site: www.northdakotawintershow.com.

5-6: International Sugarbeet Institute, Grand Forks, N.D. Contact Mohamed Khan at 701-231-8596.