THE PENNSYLVANIA WOMEN'S AGRICULTURAL NETWORK PRESENTS

WOMAN TO WOMAN: PAY IT FORWARD

PENN STATER CONFERENCE CENTER
215 INNOVATION BOULEVARD, STATE COLLEGE, PA 16803
(CENTRE COUNTY)

DECEMBER 7, 2012 8:00 A.M.—5:00 P.M.



DETAILS & REGISTRATION

Registration Fee: \$50 (includes coffee breaks, lunch & materials)
Online Registration:

http://bit.ly/Woman2Woman

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All are welcome to participate in events sponsored by PA-WAgN.





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Join PA-WAgN for a one-day networking symposium for new and beginning farmers, aspiring farmers, woman farmers, home gardeners/homesteaders, informed consumers, and seasoned farmers interested in diversifying their farm operations. Through peer-to-peer education and idea sharing this event supports women in farming with lessons gained through experience. "Woman to Woman: Pay It Forward" delivers presentations, workshops, panel discussions, and networking sessions that are guaranteed to amplify your passion for farming.

Breakout sessions feature workshops and panel discussions to increase your knowledge on a variety of topics including marketing, business planning and holistic financial management, farm labor management and farm-family relationship building, personal well-being, livestock production, vegetable and fruit production, and much, much more.

Keynote speaker Heather Retberg presents "The New Radical: Going Back to our Agricultural Roots." Heather's presentation draws on her encounter with systemic barriers to the survival of small farms, highlighting her work on local food ordinances in Maine with her family. Heather will address the importance of connectivity and relationships in her efforts to effectively communicate strategies for preserving farms. She discusses the journey of who defines whom, how we define ourselves, and how these definitions greatly impact our lives and our communities.

Conference participants will discover the power of mentoring as they learn about PA-WAgN's newly launched mentoring program and participate in "Meet the Mentor" sessions. Statewide mentors will share their knowledge and discuss how you can become involved in this exciting new program that connects women farmers throughout Pennsylvania.