

# MU Extension Hosting First Ag Risk Management Conference For Women

**SPRINGFIELD, MO.**

**W**omen from across Missouri are invited to the first “Women in Boots and Blue Jeans: Ag Risk Management Conference” to be held Friday, March 20 through March 21, at Tan-Tar-A resort in Osage Beach, Mo

Dr. Gordon Carriker, agriculture business specialist for University of Missouri Extension, says women from across the state have expressed a need for such a conference.

“Over the years we have had several women express a desire for a conference where they could meet other farm women from across the state,” said Dr. Carriker, one of the conference planners. “This is another great forum for women in agriculture to get together to learn about the business of farming and network with others in like situations.”

Some of Missouri’s top agriculture professionals will lead sessions to inform conference participants on marketing, financial and legal issues.

The conference will kick off Friday afternoon with a discussion of the current economic status and will conclude that evening with roundtable discussions with a variety of topics

ranging from using QuickBooks, to USDA programs, to agritourism.

The second day of the conference will include an appearance by Ruth Hambleton. She is the founder of Annie’s Project, a nationwide risk management program that focuses on preparing farm women on the roles and responsibilities of running a farm business.

The conference is scheduled to conclude around 4:30 p.m.

Registration for the conference, which covers the cost of most meals, breaks and conference materials, is only \$55.

Interested persons can find the complete program agenda and registration form online at [www.extension.missouri.edu/annie](http://www.extension.missouri.edu/annie) or by calling the local county Extension office.

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