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## Conference brings together women in agriculture to network and learn

**OLYMPIA** – The [Washington State Department of Agriculture](#) (WSDA) is among the organizations supporting the 2016 Women in Agriculture Conference. The agency is hosting one of 31 locations across five states that will link this conference of speakers, networking and practical advice for women in farming.

The annual one-day event is on Saturday, March 19 and offers women from the northwest U.S. a unique opportunity to connect across locales. The WSDA will host a site at the Natural Resources Building, 1111 Washington St. SE, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Olympia.

Visit the conference [website](#) for details, including locations and registration. The conference format features headline speakers at all locations, while tailoring unique content for each region. Participants from Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana and Alaska are invited to join in.

At this year's event titled "Power Up Your Communication, Power Up Your Farm," participants will learn how to use their communication style to manage, motivate and influence. Conference speakers include Wendy Knopp and Michael Stolp with Northwest Farm Credit Services, as well as Shelly Boshart Davis, a Tangent, Oregon farmer.

This conference is for women who have been farming for years, as well as new and aspiring farmers. Supporting spouses, students, interns or people who own an agriculture-related business are also welcome.

The registration fee is \$25 through March 5, and \$30 after. The registration fee includes light breakfast, lunch and all conference materials.

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