



MINNESOTA WOMEN

in

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Urban-Rural Connections



Rural Places



Working Lands



Local Food Systems



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WOMEN *in* agriculture

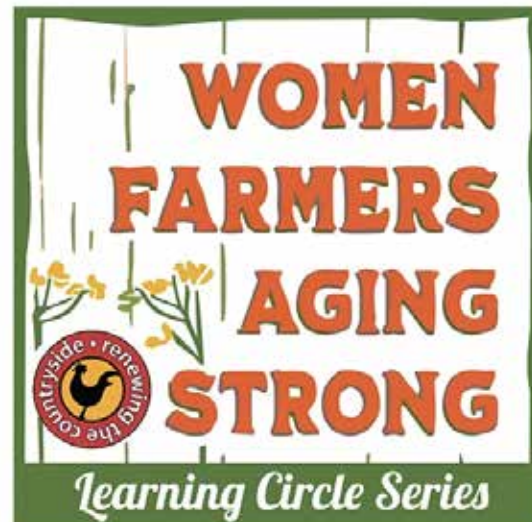


Women Caring for the LandSM

Improving
Conservation
Outreach to Female
Non-Operator
Farmland Owners

Conservation Education Activities for Conservation Agencies,
Not-for-Profit Organizations, and Community Groups

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MNWIC Objectives

Welcome all women in agriculture & land stewardship

- ❖ *Increase women's knowledge, understanding and use of conservation, climate smart practices & of NRCS programs*
- ❖ *Shepherd women through the process of program assistance*
- ❖ *Build a lasting legacy of relationships and regional networks*

USDA 2022 Ag Survey

MN Women in Conservation

Central, MN – 2,097 farms, 2,257 female producers, 387,224 acres

- 1. Stearns** -1,417 farms, 1,521 female producers, 283,724 acres farmland
- 2. Benton** - 376 farms, 410 female producers, 68,539 acres of farmland
- 3. Sherburne** – 304 farms, 326 female producers, 34,961 acres

**Women producers manage
9,634,361 acres of
farmland in the
state of MN.**

**Women farmers count to
11,722**

Grains & oilseed crops (almost
10,000)

Raising beef cattle (4,303)

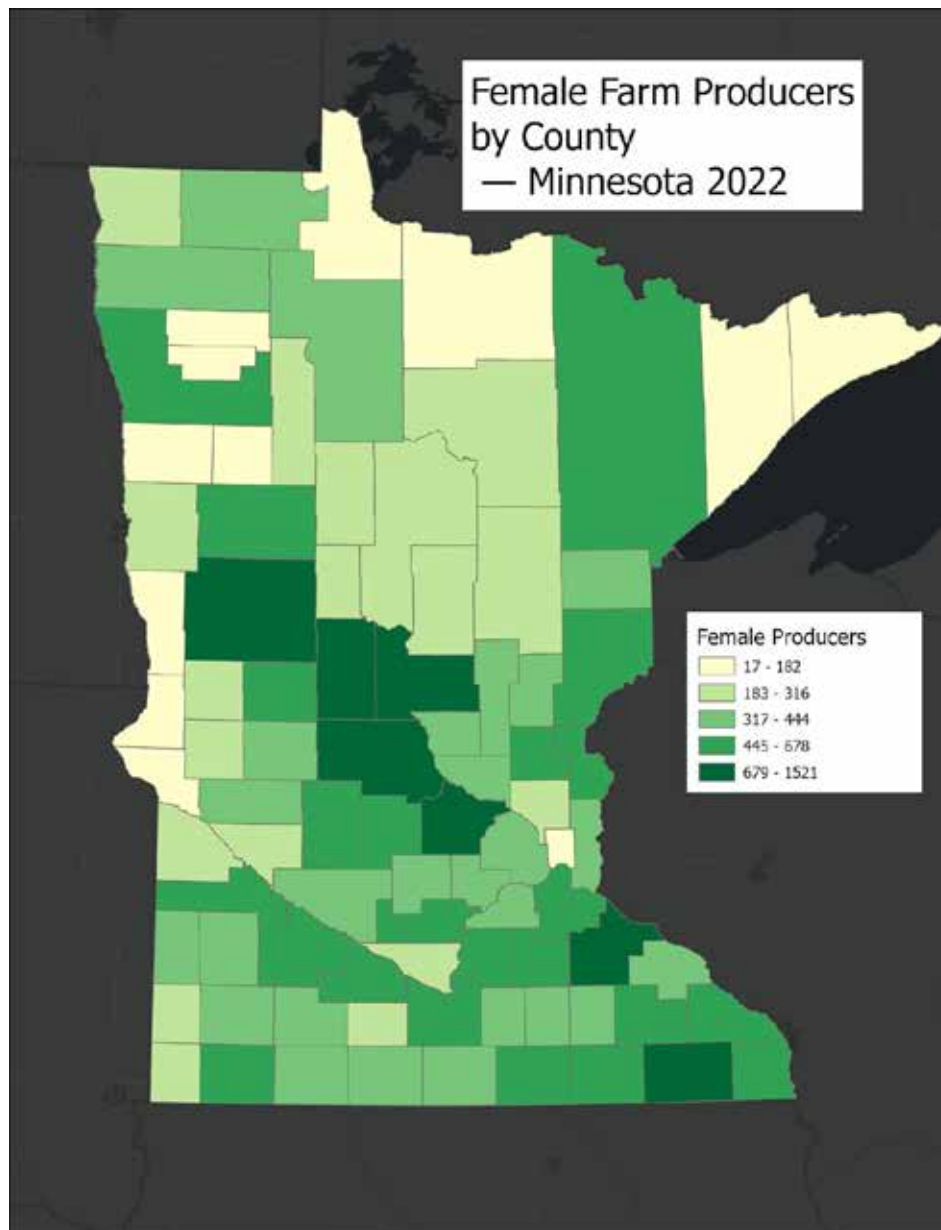
Producing dairy (948)

Veggies, fruits, nuts (2,038)

Poultry and eggs (1,307)

Sheep and goats (1,093)

Other animals/ horses, rabbits
(2,769)



Learning Circles • Webinars • Field Days • Potlucks & More



Aitkin Soil Health Learning Circle



MNWic Regional Coordinator Allison Rian

Field Day near Red Wing





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WELCOMING WEDNESDAY WEBINAR

A LUNCH ZOOM WITH NEWS YOU CAN USE!

*Live
Webinar!*

Wednesday, April 22
Noon-1pm



The Dirt on Agriculture: Organic & Regenerative

CHAT WITH NANA NOREEN!



A CONVERSATION WITH
ORGANIC AND
REGENERATIVE WOMEN
LEADERS FACILITATED BY
NOREEN THOMAS OF
DOUBTING THOMAS FARMS

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Sharing Our Stories from the Field



FERGUS FALLS



RED WING



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KELLY ANDERSON
GRAZING SPECIALIST
MDA



TARAH YOUNG
HUBBARD COUNTY
EXTENSION



Natural Resources Conservation Service



Live Webinar!

Wednesday, January 28
Noon-1pm on Zoom

**Grazing Guidance:
Getting to the Root of Better Pastures**



sustainable
farming
association

GRAZING SUMMIT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WOMEN!

Renewing the Countryside, Minnesota Women in Conservation, and Soil Sisters invite Minnesota women to apply for a scholarship to attend the upcoming Sustainable Farming Association Grazing and Soil Health Summit in Willmar. Lodging is included.



Sustainable Farming Association's

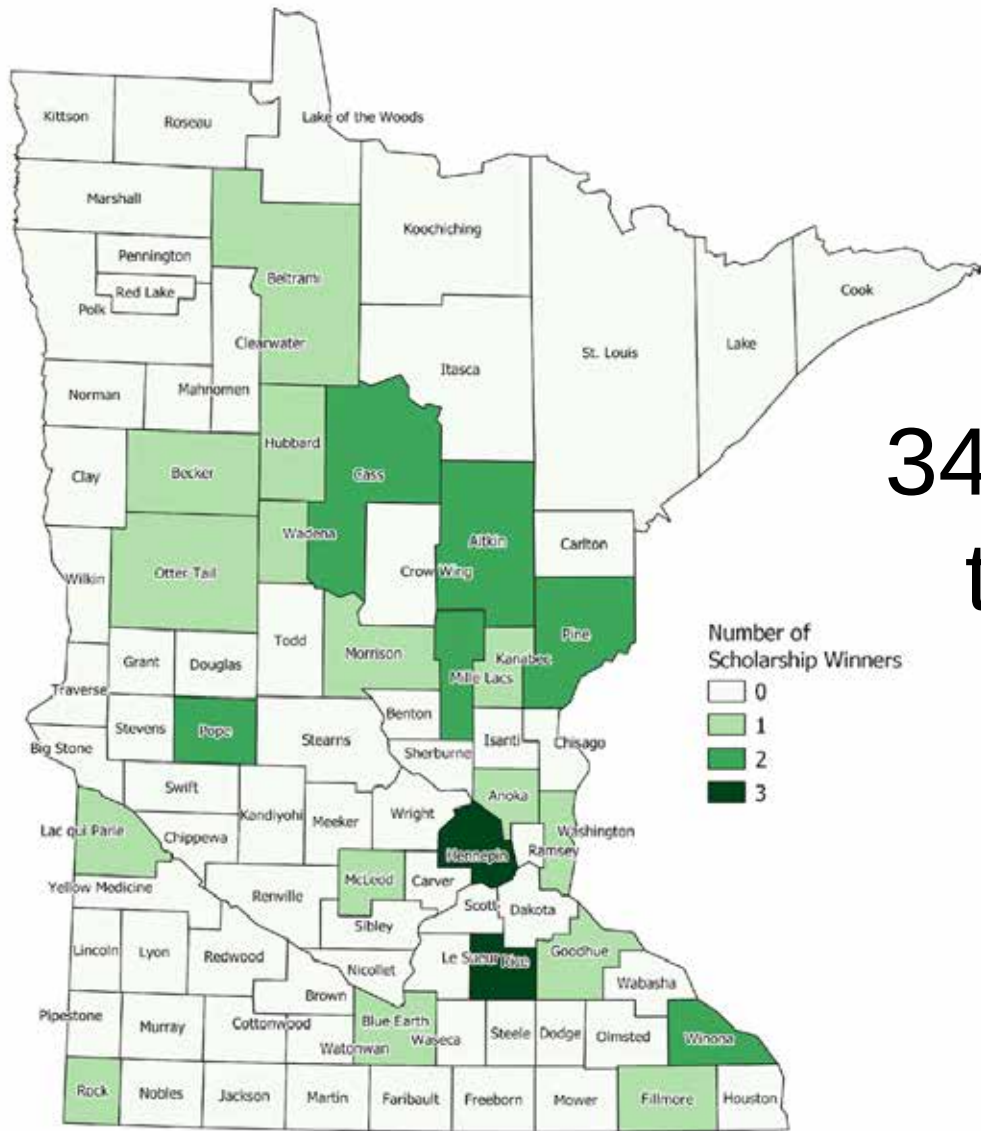
MIDWEST GRAZING & SOIL HEALTH SUMMIT

Keynote speaker **DR. TEMPLE GRANDIN**

MARCH 3 & 4, 2026, WILLMAR, MN

Apply By Feb 11 ➡
contact info@MNWiC.org



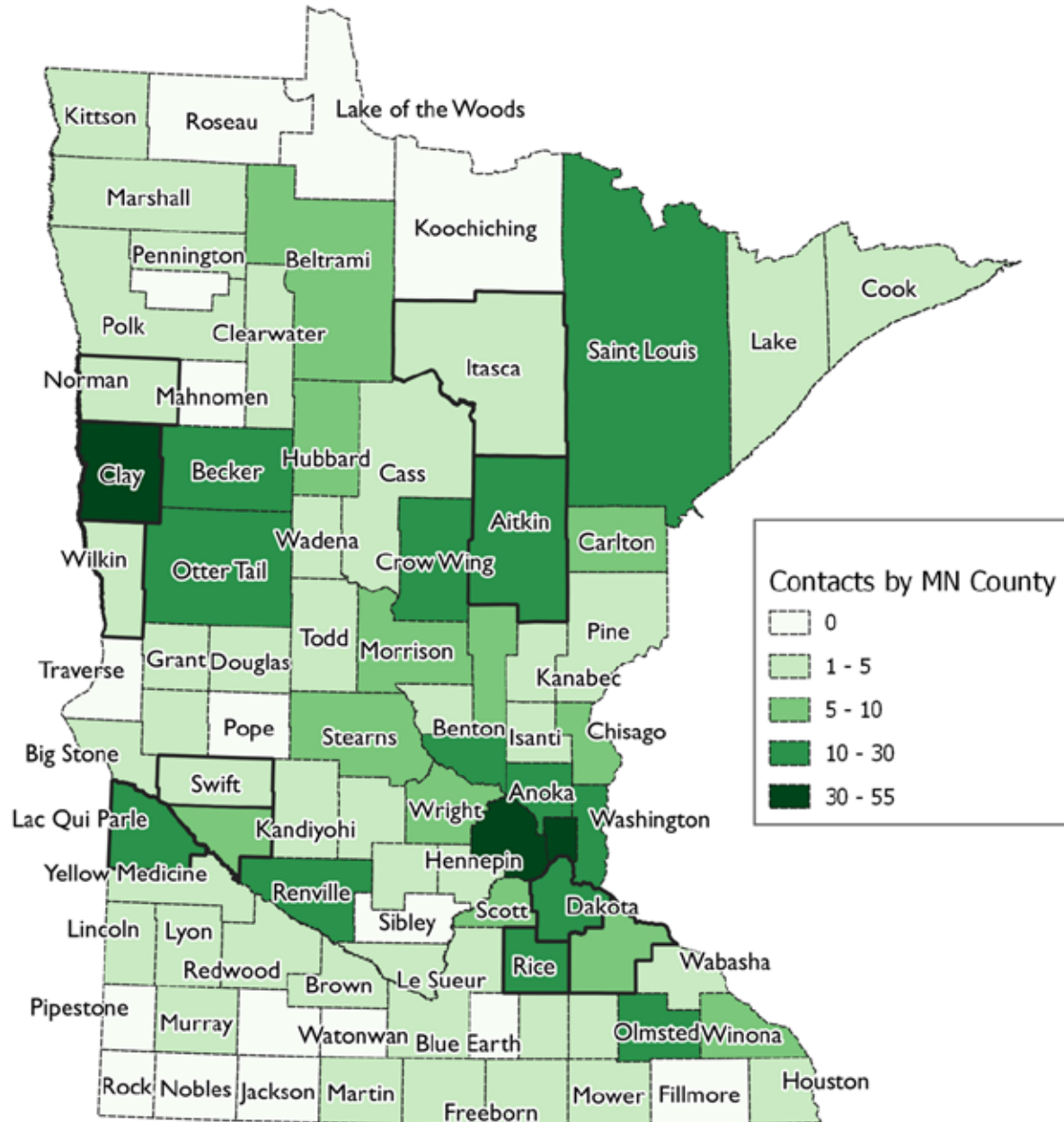


34 Summit Scholarships to Women across 24 Counties

“the 2026 Summit may have the largest contingent of women farmers yet, following the outpouring of interest from women graziers.” SFA



The summit brought meaning to many of the terms I hear my husband use when talking cattle, grazing and cover crops. I feel like I have a better handle on not only what those terms mean, but feel like I gained enough knowledge to discuss them with him (ex: nitrogen fixing cover crop options, what it means to be a regenerative farm, and what virtual collars are and some ways to incorporate them into our current cattle/goat operation). Yay for being able to work as a team with our livestock instead of a Chief and a Grunt! :0)



Since Fall 2024,
we reached
1,485 women.

Join us to deepen
and expand our
connectivity...

To GROW our
capacity as
conservationists.



Our 2026 priorities -

EQUIP women to

Develop Conservation Plans

**Connect them to NRCS and other
conservation programs**

**Continue to build community
and support among participants for
implementing conservation**

Build Partnerships!



RICE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION + MINNESOTA WOMEN IN CONSERVATION

You're invited to join individuals from across our area for an evening of women-focused conversation, connection, and inspiration focused on conservation across landscapes. Whether your passion is restoring native habitat, improving soil health, planting trees, or protecting water quality of our local lakes and streams, this gathering is for you.

Free

Dinner and
beverages
provided

Children Welcome

Wednesday, April 1st
5:30 PM

Straight River Room at
Rice County Fairgrounds
1900 Fairgrounds Dr
Faribault, MN 55021

RSVP + send any questions to Teresa DeMars - Teresa.Demars@riceswcd.org



Expanding Impact through Collaboration





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Introducing Grazers

Christina Kollman, Anoka County,
5th Generation Beef Farmer

Stephanie Zetah, McLeod,
Regenerative Farmer for 7 years