**Division of Extension • Livestock and Dairy Program Areas**

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**University of Wisconsin – Madison, Division of Extension Women in Ag Programming,**

**I’m a Farmer Too Slated for Two Locations on March 2 and March 23.**

**(Wisconsin)** Women are a key aspect of the agriculture industry and are responsible for many facets of the farm. This program is geared toward women and the many hats they wear in the agricultural industry. Planning for the unknown, farm biosecurity, telling your farm story, and farm safety topics will be presented.

Presenters and topics are as follows:

**Planning for the Unknown with Joy Kirkpatrick, Farm Succession Outreach Specialist**

Joy will discuss how to organize contingency plans for unexpected events, both short-term disruptions and catastrophic events; and will give a brief primer on what happens to property and other issues when there is no plan at the time of an unexpected event, such as death or disability.

**Farm Biosecurity by Carolyn Ihde, UW-Extension Ag Educator Crawford and Richland Counties**

With so many ways for diseases to come in contact with your livestock, implementing a few low-cost biosecurity measures can decrease the risk of transmission and allow for the tracing of disease movement in the case of highly contagious animal disease outbreaks. Take the small steps now to ensure proper biosecurity.

**Telling your farm story with Amanda Cauffman, UW-Extension Regional Livestock Educator – Grant, Green, Iowa, and Lafayette Counties**

Using your farm story to be an Ag Advocate and educate our communities about agricultural practices.

**Farm Safety presented with Jackie McCarville, UW Extension Regional Dairy Educator- Grant Green, Iowa, and Lafayette Counties**

Considerations on how to keep children and adults safe on the farm. Exploring the potential hazards and dangerous areas while still having fun on the farm.

Participants will also be completing a craft project while they learn. Craft projects are Beef, Dairy, Sheep, and Pig themed. There will also be door prizes.

The following are the dates, locations, and county extension offices for registering for each location. The cost of the program is $35 dollars and covers materials, lunch, and craft supplies. Checks can be made payable to UW-Extension. RSVP and registration fee is required a week before the program date. We may cancel due to low enrollment, calling those who have registered. Please contact the host county Extension Office for that specific location for more information.

March 2nd

* Mineral Point, 9:30 a.m. registration, program begins at 10:00 a.m. The Walker House, 1 Water St., Mineral Point. RSVP by February 23 by calling Grant County UW Extension, 608-723-2125.

March 23rd

* Gays Mills, 9:30 a.m. registration, program begins at 10:00 a.m. Gays Mills Community Commerce Center, 16381 WI 13, Gays Mills. RSVP by March 16 by calling Crawford County UW Extension, 608-326-0223.