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Risk Management Skills for Kansas Women in Ag

In 2020, K-State Research and Extension hosted a series of Farm Financial Skills for Women in Ag at numerous locations across Kansas. This program was very successful and from that came a new series. Butler County will serve as one of 36 hosts sites for the new series: ***Risk Management Skills for Women in Agriculture***.

This is a statewide program designed to teach principles of determining cost of production, developing a marketing plan, purchasing crop insurance, and participating in farm programs (ARC/PLC). Participants will work with a case farm to apply these topics to a real-world farming operation. The goal is for participants to acquire risk management skills they can apply directly to their own farming operations. Other special topics will include managing stress and being resilient in tough times, and communicating effectively with family members.



This program will be a combination of broadcasted keynote speakers amongst all sites, local speakers and facilitators to assist in completing the hands-on activities. This program is just one example of K-State Extension's commitment to diversity and inclusion. While the program is designed to highlight women's issues in agriculture, it is open to any participant without regard to sex.

There are 4 classes that will run as a series so each night will build upon the material from each session. Those dates include January 12th, 19th 26th and February 2nd, 2022. An optional 5th class which will focus on Cattle Risk Management will be held on February 23, 2022. Class will be held in El Dorado at the Butler County Community/4-H building in El Dorado. The cost of the program is \$50 which will cover all meals and program materials if registered by December 31st; \$75 is if registering after December 31st. If you would like to register for the 5th session, it is an additional \$10 if doing the series or \$15 for the stand alone session. The first 500 participants across the state to register will receive a free Grain Marketing Book! All sessions will start with a meal at 5:30 p.m. and conclude by 8:30 p.m.

If you are interested in receiving registration information when the registration link is active, please call the Butler County Extension Office at (316) 321-9660.