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What women have said about Annie’s Project?

“I changed my mind about how to approach communication with my in-laws as business partners.”

“I have gained tools to help improve management of our farm and insight on how to communicate the resources to other members of the farm.”

“I appreciated getting to meet others with a shared interest.”

“I encourage any woman to attend one of these great programs!”

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Annie’s Project is an educational program dedicated to strengthening women’s roles in the modern farm enterprise. This 6-session workshop focuses on five key areas of risk management: human, financial, marketing, production, and legal. Women learn about agribusiness practices from experts in the field. They also form valuable networks with others in the class.

**Annie’s Project Mission**
Our mission is to empower farm and ranch women to be better business partners through networks and by managing and organizing critical information.

**Session 1: Jan 30**
- Welcome and Introductions
- Real Colors Personality Test
- What kinds of risk do we need to manage?

**Session 2: Feb 2**
- Legal Liability: What is it and How to Manage it?
  - Liability for property visitors, negligence, pesticides, livestock, nuisance, contracts, insurance, food licensing

**Session 3: Feb 6**
- Tips for Direct Marketing
- Developing Your Social Media Presence
- Grain Marketing Basics
- How much does production cost?
- Exploring Marketing Tools

**Session 4: Feb 9**
- Record Keeping
- Getting your Finances in Order
- SDA Loans
- How do you measure up against similar operations?

**Session 5: Feb 13**
- Family Communication and Stress
- Preparing for retirement
- Farm Transition and Succession Planning

**Session 6: Feb 16**
- Knowing your Resources
  - Farm Service Agency
  - Natural Resources Conservation Service
  - Soil and Water Conservation District
- Crop Insurance

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