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Upper Mississippi River Region

Please join the Land Stewardship Project and the League of Women Voters in a workshop for farmland owners, retired farm men & women, and those inheriting a farmland investment

What is your vision for your farmland?

Farmland Ownership and Rental: Managing for Stewardship

Wed Jan 24th 10am-2:15

Thurs Feb 1st 10am-2:15

Valley Community Presbyterian Church

Peace United Methodist Church

3100 Lilac Drive Golden Valley, MN

52497 275th Ave Elgin, MN

Cost: \$15 includes noon meal

Registration begins at 9:30

Key discussion points:

- **What is the farmland legacy you will leave for the next generation?**
 - **Enhancing the productive value of farmland.**
- **Balancing short-term returns with investing in farmland as a productive asset.**
- **What's the relationship between soil health, water quality & climate change?**
 - **Creating opportunities for young farmers on the land.**

Participants will receive. . . A toolkit of resources and ideas for farmland owners . . . Tips for how to change the conversation & goals between owner and renter . . . Info on the new MN tax credit for selling/renting to beginning farmers

Key presenters:

Kristin Brennan, USDA/NRCS Asst State Soil Scientist & Soil Health Specialist – Golden Valley workshop

Audrey Arner, Farmer & Conservationist Elgin-Plainview workshop

Panel with a farmer, landowner and conservation official

Please RSVP by Jan 22 for Golden Valley by calling George Boody at 612-722-6377- ext 2, e-mail gboody@landstewardshipproject.org or register electronically at: <https://landstewardshipproject.org/events/item/1124>

Please RSVP by Jan 30 for Elgin by calling Sarah Fillius at 507-523-3366- ext 102, e-mail sfillius@landstewardshipproject.org or register electronically at: <https://landstewardshipproject.org/events/item/1125>



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Managing for Stewardship:

Farmland Ownership and Rental Workshops

Golden Valley Wed, Jan 24th

Elgin-Plainview Thurs, Feb 1st

Key topics:

- **Investing in your land . . . An asset now & for the next generation**
- **Soil health, water quality & resilient farms . . . why it matters for landowners**
- **The use of cover crops, no-till/reduced-till, and managed grazing to build soil health & protect farm productivity & income**

About 45% of farmland in Minnesota is rented land. The use of soil building farming practices means protecting and improving the value of your land. As a landowner, you have the ability to facilitate and encourage soil friendly practices. Building soil health pays: For you, your renter, and the community.

Background on workshop presenters and panelists:

Kristin Brennan is the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service’s Asst. State Soil Scientist & MN Soil Health Specialist. For the past 15 years, she’s worked as a soil scientist for the USDA-NRCS. Kristin is passionate about soils education & outreach. Her main focus is work with agency personnel, partners, and producers to promote and implement soil health practices on agricultural lands.

Audrey Arner is a farmer, conservationist, and rural cultural worker from Montevideo, MN. She raises grass-fed beef, and is devoted to building soil health, and improving water quality and biodiversity through the use of “continuous living cover” on her farm.

George Boody served for 23 years as executive director of the Land Stewardship Project. In 2017, he became the organization’s Science and Special Projects Lead Staff.

Karen Stettler leads the Land Stewardship Project’s Farmland Access and Transition work.

Lonni McCauley is the vice-president of the League of Women Voters, Coon Rapids, MN