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The early registration deadline for the Women in Agriculture Conference is Nov. 5.

Alaska's women farmers will join other farmers from Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington for the sixth annual videoconference event, which will run from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Nov. 18. It will take place at 40 locations, including sites at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, in Palmer and in Delta Junction.

"We can do it!" is the theme. The conference is for women farmers and anyone who works with them, according to Washington State University, the event coordinator. Guest speakers will include Alexis Taylor, director of the Oregon Department of Agriculture, and Anne Schwartz, the owner of Blue Heron Farm in western Washington.

Speakers will challenge participants to strengthen their leadership skills, become leaders in their communities, get more involved with longtime farmers and mentor new farmers. Each videoconference site will have a panel of local women farmers who will talk about the challenges they have faced and how they have used a mentor to develop skills.

The UAF School of Natural Resources and Extension will host the event in Room 107 of the Murie Building on campus and, in conjunction with Alaska Farmland Trust, at the Matanuska Experiment Farm and Extension Center in Palmer. The Salcha-Delta Soil and Water Conservation District will host the event at the Delta Career Advancement Center in Delta Junction.

The early registration is $25. Agriculture students, farm interns, and FFA and 4-H youth members may register for $20. The registration fee includes a light breakfast, lunch and conference materials. See more details and online registration at www.WomenInAg.wsu.edu.

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