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Mom, Apple Pie and Conservation Tours Planned

The Kansas Rural Center and several partners are planning a series of three conservation tours this spring -- just for women. These "Mom, Apple Pie, and Conservation" tours/workshops will be part of KRC's Women Caring for the Land Project and participation including lunch will be free.

Cheney Lake Watershed, Reno County Conservation District, and KRC will host a women's tour of farm conservation practices on **Saturday April 20** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Details will be available soon. Contact Lisa French at Cheney Lake Watershed at 620-669-8161 Ext. 4 or at Lisa.French@ks.nacdnet.net

Wednesday May 15 KRC will host an all day (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) conservation tour in northern Jackson, southeast Nemaha and southwest Brown county along with the Delaware WRAPS Watershed. The Kansas Association of Conservation Districts has also provided some funds for this tour. Details will be available later from Mary Fund at 785-873-3431, or ksrc@rainbowtel.net.

A third tour is in the works for the Clay and Washington County area. No date set yet.

Statistics show that women increasingly end up as the sole owners and managers of farmland. Often, as wives or daughters they have not been active in the day to day management, or not as active as they would have liked. This results in lots of questions and anxiety over making management decisions regarding farming practices and conservation measures with tenants or other heirs. Studies also show that women are more comfortable asking questions and learning in a less formal setting and without their male counterparts present. Therefore, these "Mom, Apple and Conservation" workshops are being designed by and for women only. Women conservation professionals will be on hand to provide information on conservation programs and management practices, and there will be opportunity for roundtable discussion with other women about your challenges and questions, and to identify other information and resource needs.

Stay tuned for further information on how to register