Book your hotel room(s) today!

Iowa Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners 70th Annual Conference
August 29 & 30, 2016 – Prairie Meadows Conference Center, Altoona

Reserve a room at Prairie Meadows by August 8 to get the $93 rate. Call 515.957.3000 and ask for the CONSERVATION DISTRICTS OF IOWA block, or reserve online at www.prairiemeadows.com and use the group code 082816CON_001.

If your plans change, you MUST cancel your room reservation by 4pm prior to the day of check in or your District will have to pay for your room if you do not cancel the reservation. Be sure and book two nights if you choose to arrive the night prior to the start of conference.

2016 Summer Tour in Northwest Iowa

This year, Conservation Districts of Iowa, State Soil Conservation Committee and others toured Northwest Iowa during the Annual Summer Tour, June 21st. The tour included Jones Dairy Farm; presentation of Soil Health/Strip-till at Denny Winerboer’s Farm; and Arco Dehydration Plant.

The group also enjoyed lunch at Gull Point State Park and the Queen II boat ride at Arnolds Park in Okoboji.
FarmHer Confirmed as SpeakHer at Conference!

Marji Guyler-Alaniz, Iowa Native, is the Founder and President of FarmHer. After 11 years working at an agricultural insurance company, she started FarmHer to showcase women in agriculture. What started as a photography enterprise has turned into so much more!

FarmHer was founded in 2013 to change the image of agriculture by including women in that image through photographs and stories. Women in agriculture not only appreciated FarmHer, but needed it. Today, FarmHer has grown into not just a gallery of images that are changing the way people perceive a farmer, but also into an online community built just for women in agriculture. This community is a place where women can experience stories about others like them, connect with and learn from others and rise to the forefront of agriculture.


Dates of Importance
July 1- September 30, 2016

**July 1**: Most Conservation Awards Due

**July 1**: Pre-Conference Resolution Voting Ballots Due

**July 15**: Farm Bill XIIIB and Des Moines Lobe Period 3 Reports Due

**July 15 – July 18**: NACD Summer Board Meeting, Conservation Forum and Conservation Tour, Minneapolis, MN

**August 8**: Reserve your hotel room under the “Conservation Districts of Iowa” block for the 70th Annual Conference & Business Meeting, Prairie Meadows Conference Center, Altoona

**August 28 – August 30**: CDI Board Meeting & Iowa Soil and Water Conservation Districts 70th Annual Conference & business Meeting, Prairie Meadows Conference Center, Altoona

**August 30 – September 1**: Farm Progress Show, Boone

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Come for Conference, Stay for the Farm Progress Show!

Just a short jaunt northwest following the conference is the Farm Progress Show. As the oldest and largest ag exhibition in the country, the Farm Progress Show showcases all the newest technologies, products and services available to farmers.