



## Who is Annie's for?

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gone through the program come from farms of 1 to 500 acres. Ten percent are women who don't own farms but are thinking about a career in farming.

Women who take advantage of the program have many reasons for doing it, but chief among them are what Ruth called the Five Dangerous D's:

- Death
- Divorce
- Disability
- Disagreement
- Debt

Research papers and studies by people working on master's degrees and Ph. Ds have all concluded the same thing, Ruth said. "The findings are that women are equally benefited regardless of their socioeconomic background. It is very unusual that you put all different backgrounds in the same room and everyone gets something out of it," she added.

### Who is participating in Mason County?

Those who came to Havana for the first of six evenings introduced themselves and spoke a little about their own farming background and what had brought them there.

One woman was from Tazewell County and she was interested because a farm in their family is expected to be transferred to the next generation one of these days.

Another woman who grew up in Knox County had just returned to the area after 20 years away, with an interest in getting involved more with her family farm.

One of the older participants had come back to Mason County in recent years with a strong interest in farming.

Another, who had been a farm wife for more than 55 years, was excited to finally be able to take the class she had heard so much about. She shared that a doctor recently asked what her husband did before he

■ Extension Educator Judy Schmidt from the Peoria office of the Fulton, Mason, Tazewell Peoria University of Illinois Extension led Annie's Project participants through Real Colors®, a dynamic workshop experience using a personality type test. The goal is to provide participants with the skills to understand human behavior, uncover motivators specific to each temperament, and improve communication with others.

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