

retired.

“I said farmers don’t retire!”

One of the younger participants said she and her husband farm, and she came from a family that farms, as well. While she has a financial background, she was encouraged to attend by her mother-in-law who is a huge proponent of the program.

Another woman said she married someone from the area and they had been farming with a grandfather. “We took everything over about four years ago and everything has been a learning curve, so learning more helps a lot! I want to be able to help more.”

A recently married young woman said her farmer husband likes to give her ‘farmer questions.’

“I’d like to answer those better,” she said.

A similar answer came from another participant. “This is a great opportunity. I feel when I talk to my husband he gives me the

“The findings are that women are equally benefited regardless of their socio-economic background...everyone gets something out of it,”

farmer answer and I should know what he’s saying, but I really don’t.”

One was a farmer’s daughter and a farmer’s wife who just wanted to take the class to learn more.

Another, agreed. Even being a teacher and knowing thing about farming, she felt there was more she could learn.

Another younger member said there would be big shoes to fill some day, and she wanted to learn more so she could help more on their family farm.

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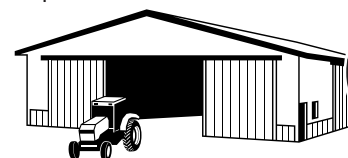
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