

## IMPLIED CONSENT FORM FOR SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

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**Title of Project:** WAgN: Sustainable Agriculture Network by and for Women Farmers

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- 1. Purpose of the Study:** This study will facilitate the development of a peer-to-peer information sharing and support network and create educational programs and events for women farmers and agricultural professionals in sustainable agriculture.
- 2. Procedures to be followed:** You will be asked to fill out an evaluation of an educational event, and a needs assessment to help us evaluate your educational needs.
- 3. Discomforts and Risks:** There are no risks in participating in this research beyond those experienced in everyday life.
- 4. Benefits:** This information could help plan programs and make educational opportunities through Cooperative Extension better for women farmers.
- 5. Duration:** It should take approximately 10 minutes to complete both forms.
- 6. Statement of Confidentiality:** Your identity will not be associated with your responses. The data will be stored and secured at 302 Armsby Building, University Park in a locked file cabinet and in password protected files. The following may review and copy records related to this research: The Office of Human Research Protections in the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services; The Penn State University Social Science Institutional Review Board; The Penn State University Office for Research Protections. In the event of a publication or presentation resulting from the research, no personally identifiable information will be shared.
- 7. Right to Ask Questions:** You can ask questions about this research. Contact Carolyn Sachs at (814) 863-8641 with questions. If you have questions about your rights as a research participant, contact The Pennsylvania State University's Office for Research Protections at (814) 865-1775.
- 8. Voluntary Participation:** Your decision to be in this research is voluntary. You can stop at any time. You do not have to answer any questions you do not want to answer.

You must be 18 years of age or older to take part in this research study. If you agree to take part in this research study and the information outlined above, please sign your name and indicate the date below.

Completion and return of the surveys implies that you have read the information in this form and consent to participate in the research.

Please keep this form for your records or future reference.