



Brenda Lammens

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Brenda Lammens' passion is to support and mentor women in agricultural leadership. She has been involved in leadership for the past 15 years serving as chair of various provincial agricultural boards.

Presently Brenda is serving as the Past Chair of The Agrifood Management Institute (AMI) after serving as Chair for two years. AMI develops and delivers Strategic Initiatives that deal with many different areas in agriculture and processing. Brenda also is a Director on The Agricultural Adaptation Council representing horticulture, determining the financial Growing Forward Two support for innovation and research.

Nine years ago, through the Canadian Consulate in Minnesota, she was introduced to The American Agri Women (AAW). Brenda received a Vision Award, several years later, from the AAW for her commitment to strengthening the relationship between the two countries and attended Syngenta's, "Leadership at its Best" as a guest of the AAW. Brenda also helped to organize Canada Day, as part of the AAW's annual convention that attracted 250 women from both countries.

Brenda has completed her Professional Leadership Certification at The University of Western Ontario and continues volunteer commitments with her church and Norfolk County initiatives. She and her husband Raymond have been farming for 33 years, in Norfolk County, Ontario, producing asparagus and cash crops. They have two daughters, plus a beautiful granddaughter. Family is top priority – always.

Brenda is pleased to join the SAWA Advisory Group as she believes, "Mentorship for Women in Agriculture is missing."