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### **Dana Jackson Receives "Sustainable Woman of Agriculture" Award**



Dana Jackson, long time activist and co-founder of the Land Institute has been named "Sustainable Woman of Agriculture" by Women, Food and Agriculture Network ([www.wfan.org](http://www.wfan.org)) and Women in Sustainable Agriculture from Minnesota and Wisconsin. This is the first year for the award.

"Women have always played a major role in agriculture," states Denise O'Brien, Director of Women, Food and Agriculture Network, "For over thirty years Dana has helped move the sustainable agriculture community into the mainstream. She has become a mentor for many women involved in agriculture. Her commitment and passion clearly show through her

achievements."

Dana, works in the White Bear Lake, Minnesota, office of Land Stewardship Project ([www.landstewardshipproject.org](http://www.landstewardshipproject.org)), which was founded in 1982 with a mission "to foster an ethic and practice of stewardship for farm land, to promote sustainable agriculture and sustainable communities." From 1994 to 2005 she was Associate Director and currently is Senior Program Associate in the Community Based Food Systems and Economic Development Program. She also coordinates the St. Croix River Valley Buy Fresh, Buy Local Campaign. In 1976 Dana Jackson co-founded, with Wes Jackson, The Land Institute, where she held several positions until 1992.

She received a Chevron Conservation Award in 1989 and a Pew Scholar's Award in Conservation and the Environment in 1990.

Jackson is co-editor with her daughter Laura Jackson of [The Farm as Natural Habitat: Reconnecting Food Systems with Ecosystems](#) (2002), a collection of readings about nature and farming. Her essays and articles have appeared in other books and publications as well.

Jackson has served on the board of directors of numerous non-profit organizations, including the Kansas Rural Center, Rocky Mountain Institute, and the Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture. Currently she is on the board of the Wild Farm Alliance, a national organization promoting agriculture that helps to protect and restore wild Nature; the St. Croix River Scenic Coalition; and the governing council of the Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society. She chairs the board of directors of the River Market Community Co-op in Stillwater, Minnesota.

Dana Jackson earned a B.S. in language arts education from the University of Kansas and an M.S. in public administration from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

In her leisure time Dana enjoys gardening, cooking and being with her grandchildren