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Angie Boeker Eckert



Angie Boeker Eckert earned a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Illinois in Horticulture and a Master's of Science in Agricultural Education from The Ohio State University. Angie taught horticulture at Southwestern Illinois College, coordinated Adult Education Classes for the Missouri Botanical Garden and ran a horticultural speaking business for several years before joining her husband's seventh generation orchard and retail operation. At Eckert's, Angie initially managed the greenhouse and landscape design entities. Currently, she serves as the Vice President of Retail Operations for Eckert's located in Belleville, Illinois where she oversees the specialty food store, garden center, as well as retail products at four seasonal locations.

She is avid promoter of local foods and she speaks regularly to visitors and groups. She has co-authored three cookbooks with her sister-in-law: The Eckert Family Spring, Summer and Fall Cookbooks.

Angie has formerly served on the education committee for the Illinois Farm Bureau and the Members Board for the Missouri Botanical Garden. She is a past president of the University of Illinois' College of Agriculture, Consumer and Economic Sciences Alumni Board. Angie recently served on the University of Illinois Alumni Association Board of Directors and is active in the St. Louis Chapter of Les Dames d'Escoffier Board. She is also a passionate Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for several children in the foster care system in St. Clair County.

In her free time, Angie loves to cook and garden at her home on the farm where she lives with her husband Chris, and two children and golden retriever. Angie believes the best family memories are made around the dinner table with good food and company!