

# Women in Agriculture

## Upper Midwest Region

According to 2012 Census of Agriculture 14% of the nation's 2.1 million farms had a female primary operator, down 2% since 2007.

### Fast Facts

#### ● Upper Midwest Totals ●

- Average age of women primary operators is 61 years, the same as the national average
- 35% of women primary operators list "farming" as their primary occupation
- Farms with women as primary operators were responsible for 1.72% of crop sales and 1.92% of livestock sales

#### Number of Farms with Female Primary Operators:

Iowa: 7,108  
Minnesota: 6,370  
North Dakota: 3,233  
South Dakota: 2,333  
Wisconsin: 7,346

#### Total Number of Farms:

Iowa: 88,637  
Minnesota: 74,542  
North Dakota: 30,961  
South Dakota: 31,989  
Wisconsin: 69,754

#### Average Size of Farms with Female Primary Operators:

Iowa: 122 acres  
Minnesota: 144 acres  
North Dakota: 491 acres  
South Dakota: 769 acres  
Wisconsin: 91 acres

#### Average Size of All Farms:

Iowa: 345 acres  
Minnesota: 349 acres  
North Dakota: 1,268 acres  
South Dakota: 1,352 acres  
Wisconsin: 209 acres



### Top Crop Items

Spring wheat  
Soybeans  
Corn

### Top Livestock Items

Cattle and calves  
Layers  
Broilers  
Horses and ponies

## Women in Agriculture Organizations

American Agri-Women

Association of Women in Agriculture

Women Food & Ag Network



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