A portrait of Canada's female farm operators According to the Census of Agriculture, there were

**British Columbia** has the highest share of farm operators who are female.

2021 Census of

Agriculture

Percentage of female farm operators

> Canada 30.4%

Que.

27.7%

N.L.

25.6%

20.0%

N.S.

29.5%

N.B.

23.6%

79,795 female farm operators in Canada in 2021, the first increase in 30 years.

## Sheep and goat farms

reported the highest proportion of farm operators who are female.

## Farm type

Sheep and goat farming 41.1% Other animal production 40.7% Poultry and egg production 35.7% Greenhouse, nursery, 34.8% and floriculture production 33.8% Fruit and tree nut farming 32.8% Vegetable and melon farming

Nearly **1 in 2** (48.3%) female farm operators reported working off the farm in 2020.

Man.

26.5%

Ont.

31.0%

B.C.

**39.7**%

Alta.

32.4%

Sask.

27.2%

## Beef farming and feedlots 31.0% Other crop farming 30.8% Hog and pig farming 29.1% Dairy and milk production 27.4% Oilseed and grain farming 25.6% Percentage



Among these female farm operators, 57.7% worked off the farm 30 or more hours per week.

## Less than half (47.8%)

of female farm operators worked on farms that reported less than \$50,000 in revenues in 2020, compared with **39.8%** of male farm operators.

Conversely, 17.8% of female farm operators worked on farms with revenues of \$500,000 or more, compared with 22.8% of male farm operators.

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