



Women in Ag Day at the Capitol 2024

Monday, March 25, 2024

A Day at the Capitol for individuals and families engaged in agriculture to share about their everyday experiences farming or involved with agriculture.



The Women in Ag Day at the Capitol Schedule

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Information Table Open (next to Rathskeller Cafeteria, Capitol basement)
10:00 a.m.	Press Conference & Proclamation of Minnesota Women in Ag Day (Capitol Press Room, Capitol basement, Room B971)
11:00 - 11:30 a.m.	View the Senate (from the Visitors Gallery while they are in the floor session)
11:30 a.m.	Welcome Meeting (Senate Building, Room 2308)
3:00 p.m.	Senate Ag Committee, Legislative Hearing on Women in Ag (Senate Building, Room 1150)
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Reception (everyone invited) (L'Etoile du Nord Vault Room B15, Ceremonial Spaces, Capitol)
All Day	Tour the Capitol
All Day	Meet with your Legislator

When connecting with your legislators:

- Share your name and farm name and where you are located
- Talk about what you produce on your farm or your farm activities
- What about being a woman in agriculture might you want to share
- What policy decisions affect you
- Celebrate your successes and share any concerns or barriers
- Make sure to invite your lawmaker to your farm!

Thank you for being here!

Women in Ag Data

	2017	2022
Female Producers in Minnesota		
	34,517	35,623
Of those, their primary occupation is		
Farming	11,182	11,452
Other	23,335	24,171
Female Producers Place of Residence		
On Farm Operated	27,569	26,651
Not on Farm Operated	6,948	8,972
Age group		
Under 25 years	411	477
25 to 34 years	2,633	2,793
35 to 44 years	4,095	4,976
45 to 54 years	6,829	5,149
55 to 64 years	10,826	9,656
65 to 74 years	6,548	8,355
75 years and over	3,175	4,217
Average Age of Women in Ag		
	56.3	57.3

According to the 2022 USDA Census of Agriculture, there are 65,531 farms in Minnesota with 114,868 producers. With a total of 35,623 women producers, 31% of producers are women. This has remained a constant percentage in the last two Census of Agriculture surveys.

There are 3,270 women age 35 and under farming in Minnesota. There are a total of 11,274 young producers in Minnesota, so 29% of young farmers are women.

An interesting change in the data from 2017 to 2022 is the change in the number of female producers who have moved into farming as their primary occupation. The number of women who state their primary occupation is farming increased by 270 women farmers from the last census at 11,452.

Farming continues to grow and so do small farms. The number of farms with 10 to 49 acres grew from 4,365 farms in 2017 to 5,672 farms in 2022. Other statistics are that farms with 1 to 9 acres grew from 1,974 five years ago to 2,189 in 2022. Farms with 180 to 499 acres grew from 2,869 in 2017 to 3,149 farms in 2022. Farms with 500 acres or more grew from 2,183 in 2017 to 2,599 in 2022.

The average-sized farm in Minnesota is 388 acres in 2022, up from 371 in 2017.



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