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WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE

Female agricultural operators are older than their male counterparts

Based on 2002 Census of Agriculture and Fisheries (CAF), male operators dominated agriculture sector. Of the 4.8 million agricultural operators, 89 percent are males while only 11 percent are females.

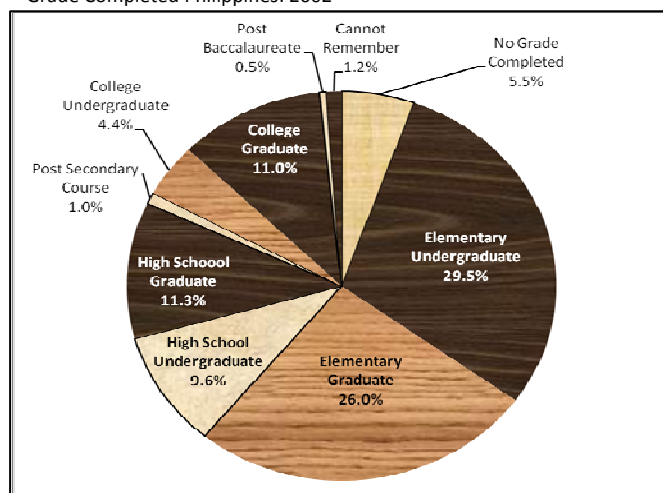
Agricultural operators had a median age of 46 years. This means that half of the agricultural operators were below 46 years old. The median age among male agricultural operators was 45 years old while among female agricultural operators was 56 years old. This means that female agriculture operators were generally older than their male counterpart.

More than one-fourth of female agricultural operators completed secondary education and higher

Majority of the agricultural operators have elementary education. The same proportion reported also among females and males.

Figure 1

Percentage Distribution of Female Agricultural Operators by Highest Grade Completed Philippines: 2002

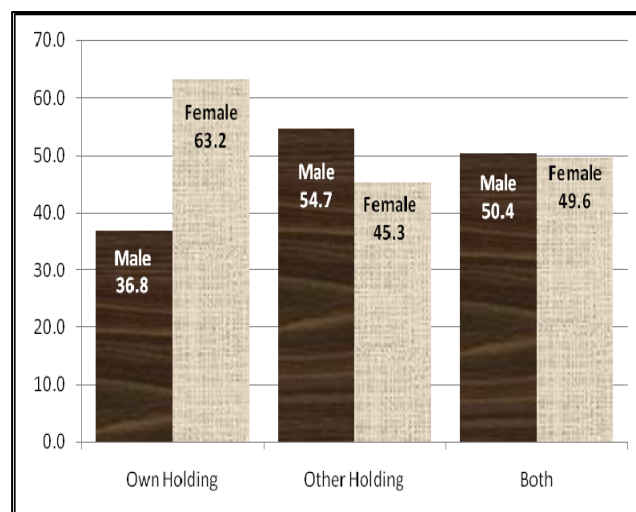


Source: NSO, 2002 Census of Agriculture and Fisheries

Female agricultural operators who have completed secondary education and higher (high school graduate, college undergraduate, college graduate and post baccalaureate) comprised more than 28 percent.

Figure 2

Percentage Distribution of Members in Household with Agricultural Operators Engaged in Agricultural Activities by Type of Holding and Sex, Philippines, 2002



Source: NSO, 2002 Census of Agriculture and Fisheries

Females dominate as members in households with agricultural operators

Of the 14 million household members in households with agricultural operators, about 40 percent were engaged in agricultural activities. Majority (80%) of the said household members were engaged in agricultural activity in own holding. Those who were engaged in other holding and in both own and other holdings comprised six percent and 14 percent, respectively.

Three in every five members in household with agricultural operators were females. The same figure was reported among those who engaged in agricultural activities as well as those who were not engaged in agricultural activity.

Majority (63%) of those engaged in own holding were females while males dominated those engaged in other holding (55%).

Table 1 Number of Agricultural Operators by Age Group and Sex: Philippines: 2002(in thousand)

Age Group	Total Number of Agricultural Operators		Male		Female		Not Reported	
	Number	% to Total	Number	% to Total	Number	% to Total	Number	% to Total
All Ages	4,823	100	4,252	100	517	100	54	100
15 - 19	14	0.3	13	0.3	1	0.1	-	0.2
20 - 24	136	2.8	129	3.0	5	1.0	1	2.4
25 - 29	342	7.1	326	7.7	13	2.5	3	5.8
30 - 34	523	10.8	493	11.6	25	4.8	5	8.9
35 - 39	606	12.6	565	13.3	36	6.9	6	10.5
40 - 44	624	12.9	571	13.4	47	9.1	6	11.2
45 - 49	576	11.9	516	12.1	54	10.5	5	9.0
50 - 54	544	11.3	475	11.2	63	12.3	5	9.1
55 - 59	405	8.4	344	8.1	58	11.3	3	6.0
60 - 64	396	8.2	324	7.6	69	13.4	3	5.9
65 - 69	277	5.7	218	5.1	56	10.9	2	4.4
70 - 74	186	3.9	143	3.4	42	8.0	2	2.8
75 and over	169	3.5	122	2.9	45	8.8	1	2.6
Not Reported	26	0.5	13	0.3	2	0.3	12	21.3

Source: NSO, 2002 Census of Agriculture and Fisheries

Note: - = Less than 500

Details may not add up to totals due to rounding.

Table 2 Number of Agricultural Operators by Highest Grade Completed and Sex: Philippines: 2002(in thousand)

Highest Grade Completed	Total Number of Agricultural Operators		Male		Female		Not Reported	
	Number	% to Total	Number	% to Total	Number	% to Total	Number	% to Total
Total	4,823	100	4,252	100	517	100	54	100
No Grade Completed	216	4.5	186	4.4	28	5.5	2	3.6
Elementary	2,713	56.3	2,402	56.5	287	55.5	24	43.3
Undergraduate	1,456	30.2	1,291	30.4	152	29.5	13	4.2
Graduate	1,256	26.1	1,112	26.1	134	26.0	10	19.1
High School	1,225	25.4	1,104	26.0	108	21.0	12	22.7
Undergraduate	573	11.9	518	12.2	50	9.6	6	0.8
Graduate	652	13.5	587	13.8	59	11.3	6	1.9
Post Secondary Course	60	1.2	54	1.3	5	1.0	1	1.5
College	532	11.0	447	10.5	80	15.4	6	10.8
Undergraduate	219	4.5	194	4.6	23	4.4	2	4.2
Graduate	313	6.5	253	5.9	57	11.0	4	6.5
Post Graduate	15	0.3	12	0.3	3	0.5	-	0.6
Cannot Remember	61	1.3	46	1.1	6	1.2	10	7.6

Source: NSO, 2002 Census of Agriculture and Fisheries

Note: - = Less than 500

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Table 3 Number of Members in Households with Agricultural Operators Whether Engaged in an Agriculture Activity or Not by Sex: Philippines, 2002 (in thousand)

Age Group	Total		Engaged						Not Engaged	
			Own Holding		Other Holding		Both in Own & Other Holding			
	Number	% to Total	Number	% to Total	Number	% to Total	Number	% to Total	Number	% to Total
Both Sexes	13,749	100	4,343	100	348	100	761	100	8,296	100
Male	5,209	37.9	1,579	36.4	188	53.8	378	49.6	3,064	36.9
Female	8,325	60.6	2,708	62.4	155	44.6	372	48.9	5,089	61.3
Not reported	215	1.6	56	1.3	5	1.5	11	1.4	143	1.7

Source: NSO, 2002 Census of Agriculture and Fisheries

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TECHNICAL NOTES

The Census of Agriculture and Fisheries (CAF) is a large-scale government operation geared towards the collection and compilation of statistics on the agriculture and fisheries sectors of the country. The objective is to gather comprehensive data on farm characteristics, information on the size, location, tenure status, irrigation system, crops planted, livestock and poultry raised and determine the type and number of equipment and facilities used in the operation of agricultural activities whether owned or rented.

The reference period of the 2002 Census of Agriculture (CA 2002) was from January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002. However, data on livestock and poultry for CA 2002 were recorded as of the time of visit of the enumerators, i.e., anytime from March 3 to April 5, 2003, while the 1991 CAF data for livestock and poultry were recorded as of August 31, 1991. Moreover, the reference period applied for the temporary crops during CA 2002 was from January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002 while as of December 31, 2002 for the permanent crops. During the 1991 CAF, the reference period used for recording data on temporary and permanent crops was the past 12 months.

Agricultural Operator is a person who takes the technical and administrative responsibility of managing a holding. He/She is responsible for making day-to-day decisions in operating the holding, including the management and supervision of hired labor. He/She may work on the land alone or with members of his household, or may not work on the land but may employ others to work on the land. He may or may not be the owner of the land.

Engaged in agricultural activity in own holding refers to those done in the holding operated by a member of the household.

Engaged in agricultural activity in another holding refers to those done by a household member working in a holding of another household.

Data limitation on forms from the 2002 CAF refers to the geographic area of the operator's residence. This may not be the same as the actual location of the farm or farm parcels.