



INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE
WOMAN FARMER

2026

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Key Message

Spotlight the realities faced by women farmers and drive policy reforms and investment to advance gender equality, empower women, and build more resilient agrifood systems.

01

Advocate for
gender-responsive
agricultural
policies

02

Share lived
experiences
directly from rural
women

03

Strengthen
collective action
and global
solidarity



Why it matters!

- 2021 agrifood systems employed 40 percent of working women globally - nearly equal to men
- Women continue to face systemic barriers



Who is a woman farmer

- Traditional, small-scale, and subsistence farming
- Family farming and intergenerational agricultural work
- Indigenous farming systems
- Commercial and market-oriented agriculture
- Land stewardship and decision-making
- Planting, cultivating, harvesting, and livestock care
- Seed saving and preservation of traditional practices
- Food processing, storage, and distribution
- Financial management, cooperatives, and agribusiness
- Use of technology, tools, and innovation in agriculture
- [Recent FAO Report: The Status of Women in Agrifood Systems](#)

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Advocacy: using our collective voice to highlight the rights, challenges, and contributions of women farmers at local, national, and international levels

Visibility: amplifying the stories, leadership, and expertise of women farmers across our network

Member engagement—ensuring that member societies are actively involved and supported in shaping and delivering activities throughout 2026.

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Story Bank Initiative

- Personal stories and lived experiences
- Contribute in various formats
- Used to inform communications and campaign



- What roles do women farmers play in your community?
- What role can ACWW members play in advocating for women farmers' rights and recognition?
- What stories about women farmers need to be told more widely?