

A portrait of Manitoba's farm operators¹ in 2021



46.9%
of farm operators in Manitoba have post-secondary education compared to 43.6% in 2016.



Manitoba had **19,465** farm operators, 3.4% fewer than in 2016.

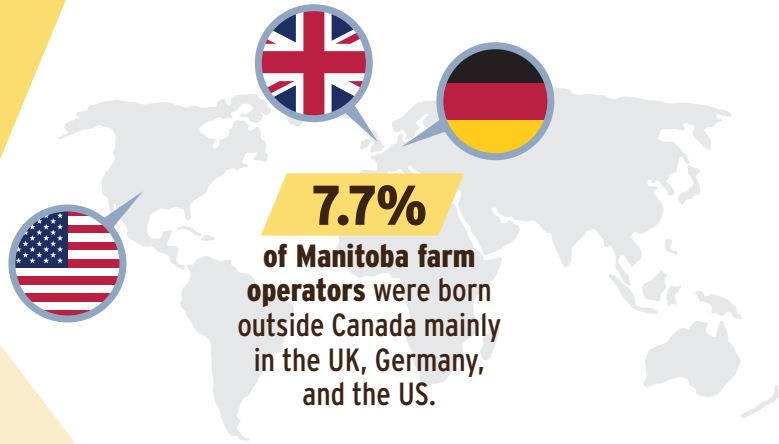
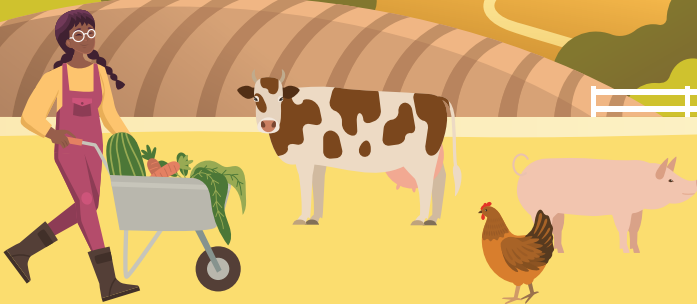


Manitoba has the highest proportion of young farmer operators in Canada. In 2021,

11.5%
of farm operators in Manitoba were young farmers.²

82.6%

of the farm population reside in rural areas compared to 89.3% in 2016. The remaining 17.4% reside in urban³ areas.



Female farm operators are increasing in number and proportion.

In 2021, **26.6%** farm operators in Manitoba were female, up by 2.6% compared to 2016.



¹ Farm operator refers to any person responsible for the management decisions in operating a farm or an agricultural operation. It is also known as an agricultural operator, farmer, operator or rancher.

² Under the age of 35 years

³ The concept "urban" includes small population centres, medium population centres and large urban population centres, which are defined in the [Census of Population dictionary](#).