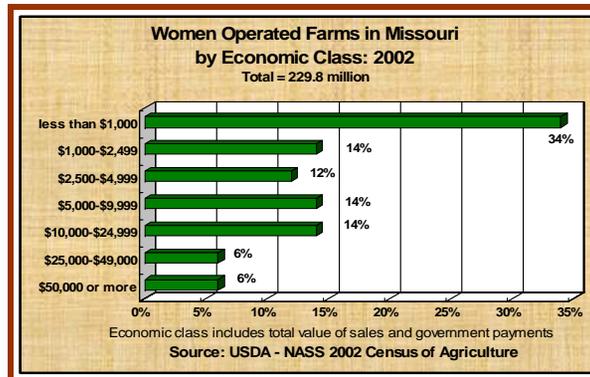
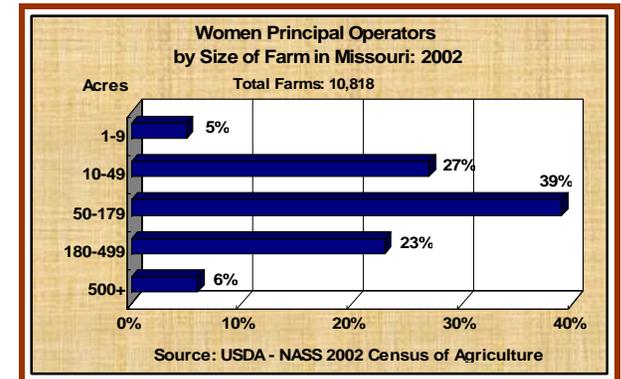
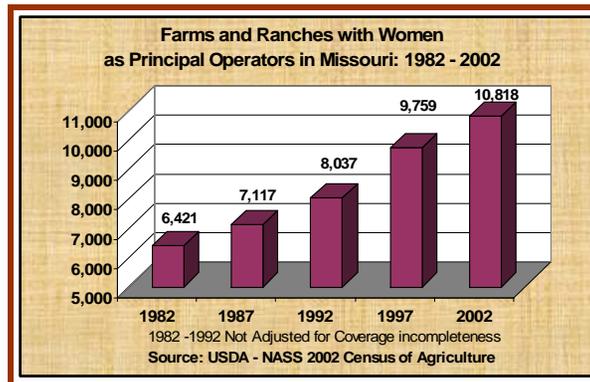


Women's Role In Missouri Agriculture

Women continue to increase their contribution in Missouri agriculture. In 2002, women operated nearly 11 percent of all Missouri farms comprised of 1.8 million acres. The 10,800 operators was an increase of 11 percent from 1997. The average size of farm operated by women in Missouri was 166 acres.

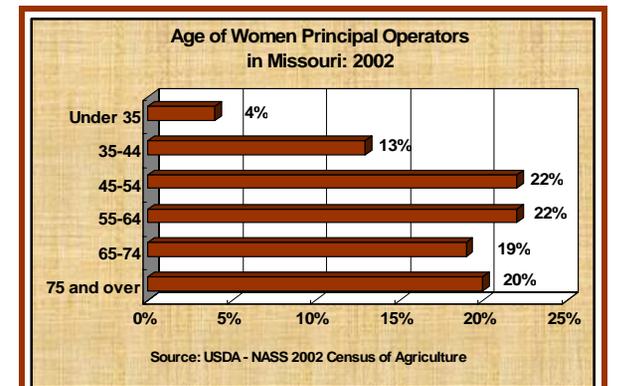
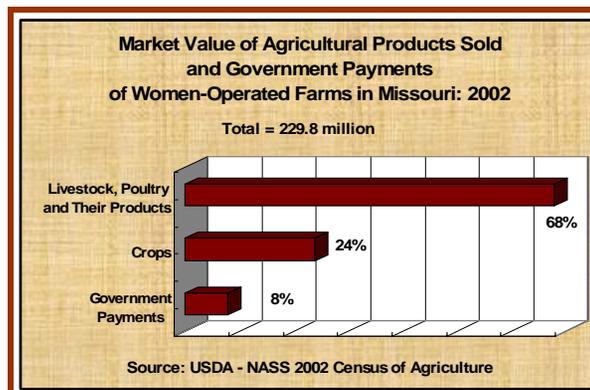
The total market value of agricultural products sold and government payments received by Missouri women operators was nearly \$230 million with \$157 million from livestock, poultry and their products and \$55 million from crops. Eighty-five percent of Missouri women operators were full owners.

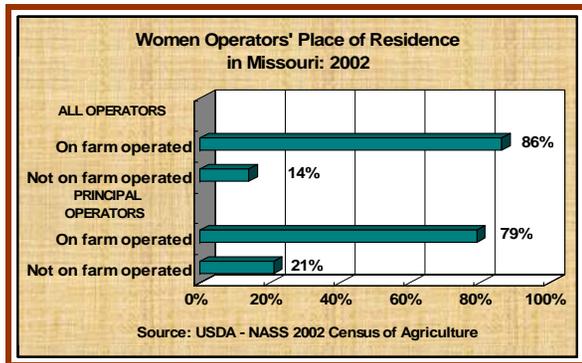
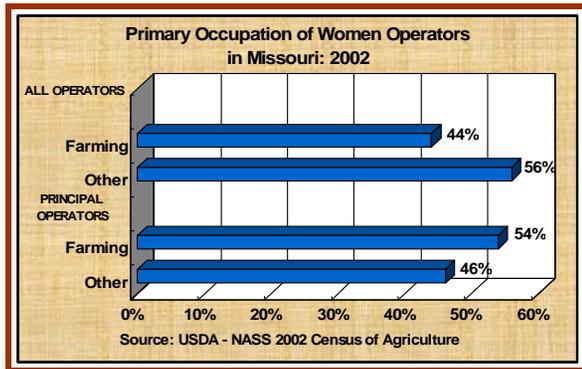


Computer Usage in Missouri: 2002

	Women-Operated Farms	Percent	All Farms	Percent
Computer Usage for Farm Business	3,400	31%	35,376	33%
Internet Access	4,580	42%	47,921	45%

Source: USDA-NASS 2002 Census of Agriculture





NASS wishes to thank all farmers and ranchers who responded to the 2002 Census of Agriculture.

The Census of Agriculture, taken every 5 years, provides a detailed look at agriculture in each of the Nation's 3,000-plus counties. All data is available on the Internet, in print and on CD-ROM.



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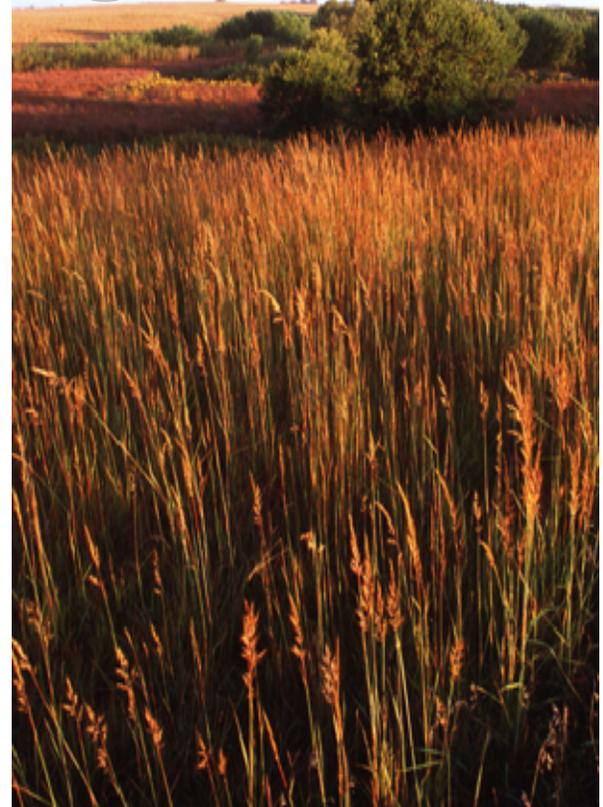
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