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**Women Principal Farm Operators**



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**Mason County**

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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b>Farms</b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	63	8,200
Land in Farms	10,422	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$1,224,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	634	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>9.9%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	54	7,150
Part Owner	5	730
Tenant	4	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	30	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	33	5,085

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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b>Farms</b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	66	8,200
Land in Farms	9,794	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$2,246,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	754	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>8.8%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	66	7,150
Part Owner	0	730
Tenant	0	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	21	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	45	5,085

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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	36	8,200
Land in Farms	3,649	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$266,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	294	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>12.2%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	28	7,150
Part Owner	6	730
Tenant	2	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	12	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	24	5,085

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<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	106	8,200
Land in Farms	10,441	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$1,363,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	1,067	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>9.9%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	90	7,150
Part Owner	10	730
Tenant	6	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	37	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	69	5,085

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<b>Farms</b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	59	8,200
Land in Farms	4,638	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$507,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	924	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>6.4%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

### Tenure

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	51	7,150
Part Owner	7	730
Tenant	1	320

### Primary Occupation

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	18	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	41	5,085

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<b>Farms</b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	41	8,200
Land in Farms	6,260	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$1,626,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	858	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>4.8%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	29	7,150
Part Owner	8	730
Tenant	4	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	21	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	20	5,085

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Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	75	8,200
Land in Farms	8,688	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$1,345,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	609	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>12.3%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...		
Full Owner	65	7,150
Part Owner	8	730
Tenant	2	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...		
Primary Occupation is Farming	33	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	42	5,085

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Land in Farms	10,469	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$404,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	694	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>9.2%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	55	7,150
Part Owner	6	730
Tenant	3	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

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Primary Occupation is other than Farming	45	5,085

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Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$1,733,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	630	77,064
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**Nelson County**

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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	128	8,200
Land in Farms	14,108	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$4,056,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	1,326	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>9.7%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	106	7,150
Part Owner	19	730
Tenant	3	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	56	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	72	5,085

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**Nicholas County**



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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	81	8,200
Land in Farms	7,470	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$1,545,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	570	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>14.2%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	66	7,150
Part Owner	11	730
Tenant	4	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	45	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	36	5,085

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**Ohio County**

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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b>Farms</b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	68	8,200
Land in Farms	7,919	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$7,495,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	944	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>7.2%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	64	7,150
Part Owner	4	730
Tenant	0	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	20	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	48	5,085

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**Oldham County**



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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b>Farms</b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	99	8,200
Land in Farms	6,367	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$1,209,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	419	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>23.6%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	89	7,150
Part Owner	3	730
Tenant	7	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	49	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	50	5,085

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**Owen County**

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<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	82	8,200
Land in Farms	8,540	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$371,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	701	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>11.7%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	73	7,150
Part Owner	9	730
Tenant	0	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	26	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	56	5,085

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Owsley County

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<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	21	8,200
Land in Farms	4,906	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$215,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	163	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>12.9%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...		
Full Owner	15	7,150
Part Owner	3	730
Tenant	3	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...		
Primary Occupation is Farming	13	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	8	5,085

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## Pendleton County

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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b>Farms</b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	79	8,200
Land in Farms	9,339	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$316,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	810	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>9.8%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

### Tenure

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	70	7,150
Part Owner	3	730
Tenant	6	320

### Primary Occupation

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	33	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	46	5,085

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<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	6	8,200
Land in Farms	2,231	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$21,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	49	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>12.2%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	4	7,150
Part Owner	1	730
Tenant	1	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	2	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	4	5,085

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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	6	8,200
Land in Farms	798	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$57,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	56	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>10.7%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	5	7,150
Part Owner	1	730
Tenant	0	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	2	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	4	5,085

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**Powell County**

December, 2014  
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[http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/Publications/2012/Online\\_Resources/Highlights/Women\\_Farmers/Highlights\\_Women\\_Farmers.pdf](http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/Publications/2012/Online_Resources/Highlights/Women_Farmers/Highlights_Women_Farmers.pdf)

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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b>Farms</b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	20	8,200
Land in Farms	2,228	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$212,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	229	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>8.7%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	16	7,150
Part Owner	4	730
Tenant	0	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	10	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	10	5,085

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**Pulaski County**

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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Number of Farms with Women Principal Operators	159	8,200
Land in Farms	15,283	876,256
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$3,966,000	\$227,699,000
Total Number of all Farms	1,713	77,064
<i>Percent of all Farms with Women Principal Operator</i>	<i>9.3%</i>	<i>10.6%</i>

**Tenure**

Women Principal Operators who are...

Full Owner	124	7,150
Part Owner	29	730
Tenant	6	320

**Primary Occupation**

Women Principal Operators whose...

Primary Occupation is Farming	80	3,115
Primary Occupation is other than Farming	79	5,085

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