A portrait of Manitoba’s farm operators 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.

7.7% of Manitoba farm operators were born outside Canada mainly in the UK, Germany, and the US.

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.

Manitoba has the highest proportion of young farmer operators in Canada. In 2021, 11.5% of farm operators in Manitoba were young farmers.

82.6% of the farm population reside in rural areas compared to 89.3% in 2016. The remaining 17.4% reside in urban areas.

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.