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Dorothy is my American farm representative. The most recent Census of Agriculture notes that approximately one-third of the farmers in America are women, contributing \$12.9 billion in agricultural sales annually.

Farmwork is not our only contribution to agriculture. We are scientists, conservationists, foresters, veterinarians, economists, property owners, and heads of businesses. We create policy, sit on boards, and influence the way the world will be fed in the future.

The stories we share reflect our rich histories and complex contributions. We are as varied as our backgrounds, from early homesteaders to contemporary cattle ranchers, from truck gardeners to owners of mega-farms. We feed our families, our communities, and the world.

Women farmers in America are doing a difficult and often thankless job. It is backbreaking work, subject to unpredictable weather and devastating market changes. We do this job with creativity, ingenuity, and consciousness. And strength.