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UK Efforts to Empower Women & Youth in Food and Farming

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The **median age** of British farm holders is **59**, with more than **30%** of holders aged **65 or above**.

15% of British farm holders are **women**.

In **2014**, the number of students studying agriculture and related areas rose by **4%** in undergraduate programmes and **29%** in postgraduate programmes.

In **2014/2015**, **19,000 people** were enrolled in agriculture and related programmes. **62%** were **women**.



Ongoing Efforts – A Snapshot

Support New Entrants to Agriculture Sector

- **Provide support** to organisations like the National Federation of Young Farmers Clubs.
- **Encourage industry and civil society** in their efforts to enable new entrants, like the pilot scheme by the Fresh Start Land Enterprise Centre.

Encourage careers in Food & Farming

- **Improve skills and training** with policies like the Apprenticeship Levy.
- **Work with industry partners** like the National Skills Academy for Food and Drink.



Women represent **43%** of the agricultural workforce in developing countries.

The UK **Department for International Development (DFID)** has a vision of rural women being empowered, having a voice, and benefiting from equal opportunities as men.

The UK works with partners like the **African Agriculture Development Company** and on projects such as the **Land Investment for Transformation**.



