



## AMERICAN AGRI-WOMEN 2023

### SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGE FARMER

**ISSUE:** The definition of a socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher for Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) funding is inconsistent with the definition of a socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher for the Farm Service Agency (FSA). The NRCS definition leaves out women.

**AMERICAN AGRI-WOMEN REQUEST:**

American Agri-Women (AAW) requests that NRCS adopts the same definition for a socially disadvantaged farmer as FSA and include women under the social disadvantage definition.

**BACKGROUND:**

The NRCS definition of a social disadvantage farmer or rancher does not include women

**Disadvantaged**

For an entity, at least 50% ownership in the business must be held by SD individuals, with the exception of NASS calculations (see details to the right).

**NRCS**

A member of a group whose members have been subjected to racial or ethnic prejudice because of their identity as members of that group without regard to their individual qualities. Includes the following groups:

- American Indians or Alaskan Natives
- Asians
- Blacks or African Americans
- Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders
- Hispanics

**FSA, RMA, ERS, and NASS**

A member of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or **gender** prejudice because of their identity as members of that group without regard to their individual qualities. Includes the following groups:

- American Indians or Alaskan Natives
- Asians
- Blacks or African Americans
- Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders
- Hispanics
- **Women**