

WOMEN IN THE RURAL WORLD

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OBJECTIVES

- To give visibility to all women who have historically worked in the countryside throughout history **without recognition**.
- To analyze of the sector in Catalonia through the distribution of a survey, to understand the concerns of current female livestock farmers.

HISTORY

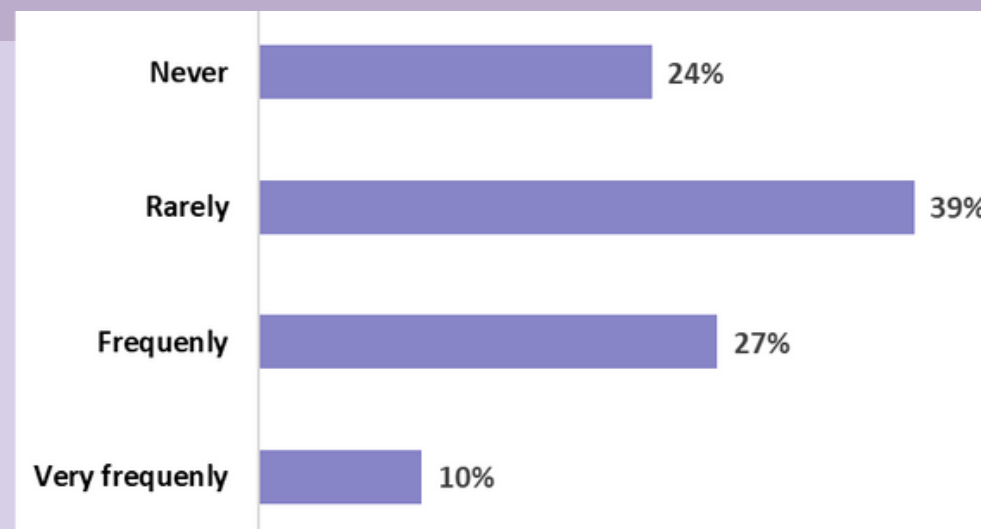
During the Industrial Revolution in the countryside, women's work was disregarded as they were excluded from mechanized agricultural tasks. They were confined to the role of family helpers and became invisible workers. This period also witnessed a significant female rural exodus, leading to a masculinization of rural areas.

SURVEY RESULTS

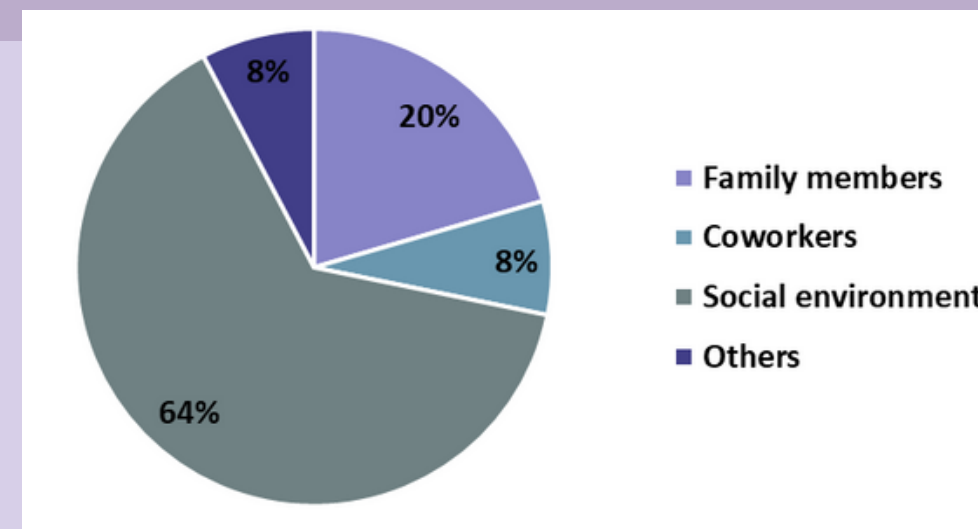
The study sample was limited and did not represent all women. The distribution through a feminized association caused a bias in the results. However, the obtained results showcased a sector that was actively fighting to generate change. The results showed that; the majority of women participate in some feminized cooperatives (>56 % women), most women feel questioned to varying degrees, due to the predominantly social environment and they feel represented, especially in recent years.

CONCLUSION

- The factors that promote inequalities in agricultural tasks are: Persistence of **gender stereotypes**; Historical **invisibility** of women's contribution to the countryside and Low participation in organizational spaces.
- The statistics with a gender perspectiva on the rural world are nearly **non-existent**.
- The survey reflects the importance of feminized organizational spaces as the main movements for **change among** rural women.



Skills in the agricultural sector that have been questioned



By whom women in rural areas feel questioned at work