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# Female Farmers' Work Both On and Off the Farm in Austria

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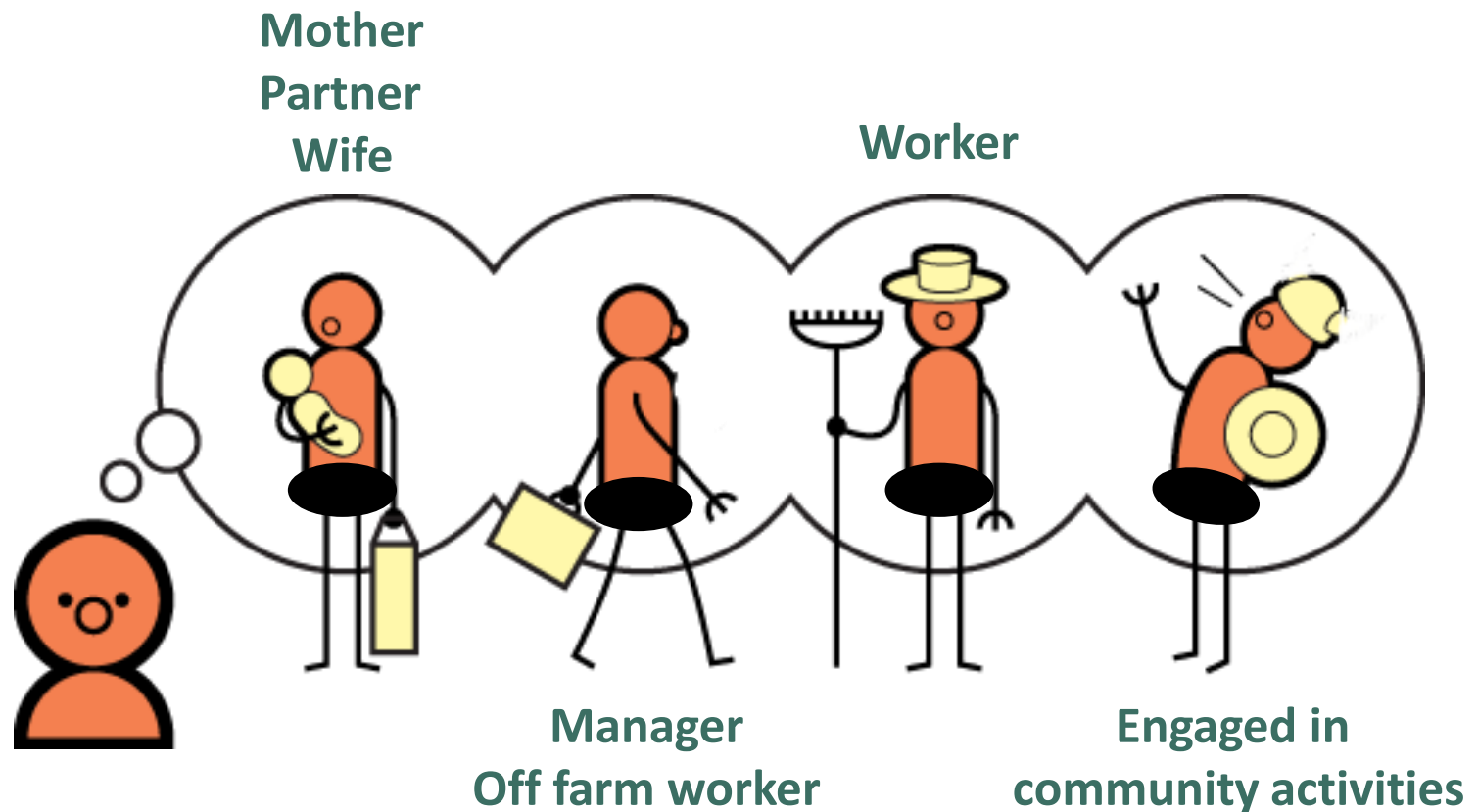
# Data and methods

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- **Literature review**
  - **Official statistics**
  - **Survey of female farmers**
    - Study area: Austria
    - Online survey
    - Agricultural population 115,615 farms
    - 2,200 questionnaires
  - **Descriptive analysis**
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# What is what?

## What is a female farmer?

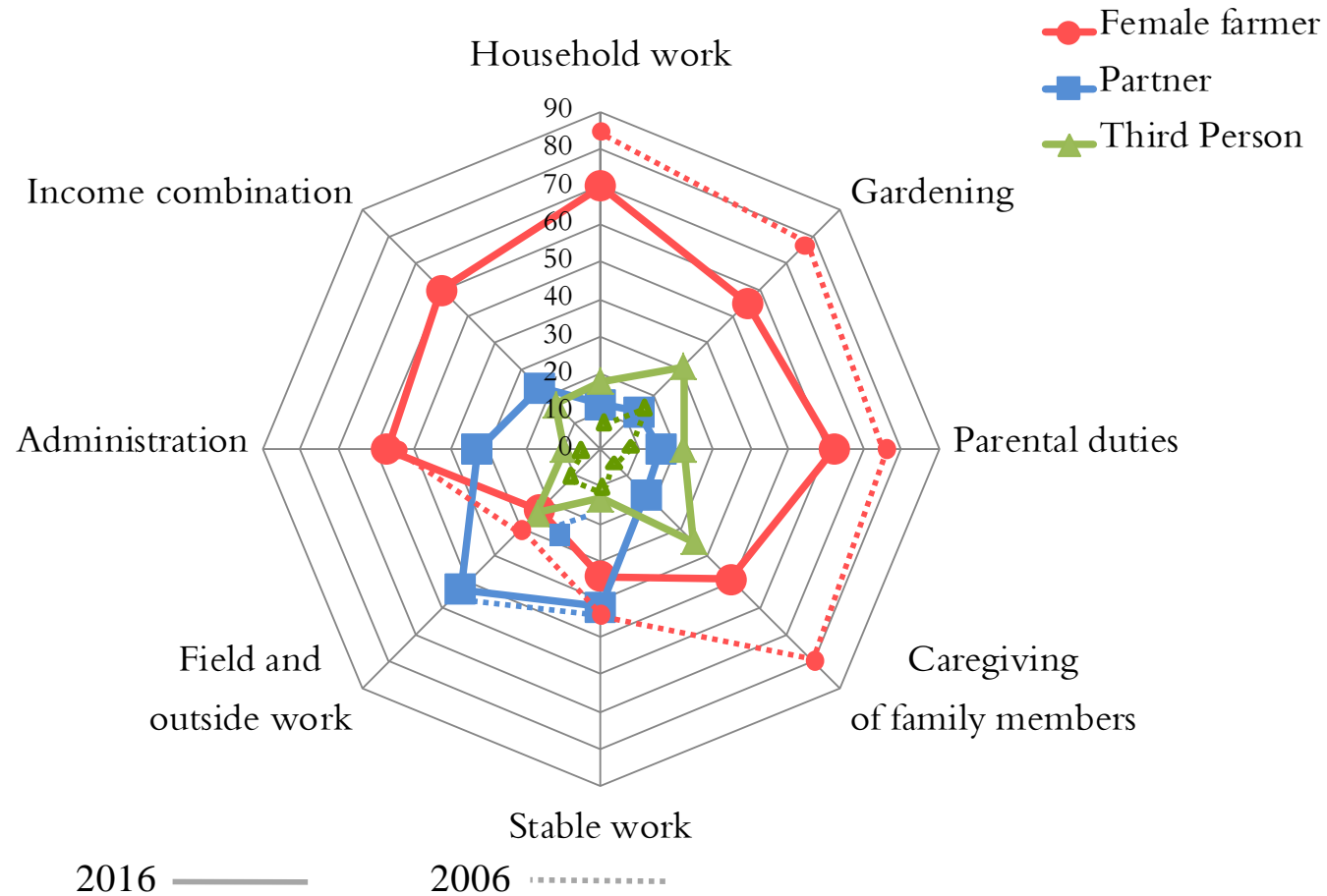


# The QED's

**2010**

- **The management of 58,547 farms (34%) was in women's hands.**
- **Women constituted 41% of the farm family labour force on farms.**
- **40% of the total farm labour force (the family and non-family) were women.**

# Work on farm



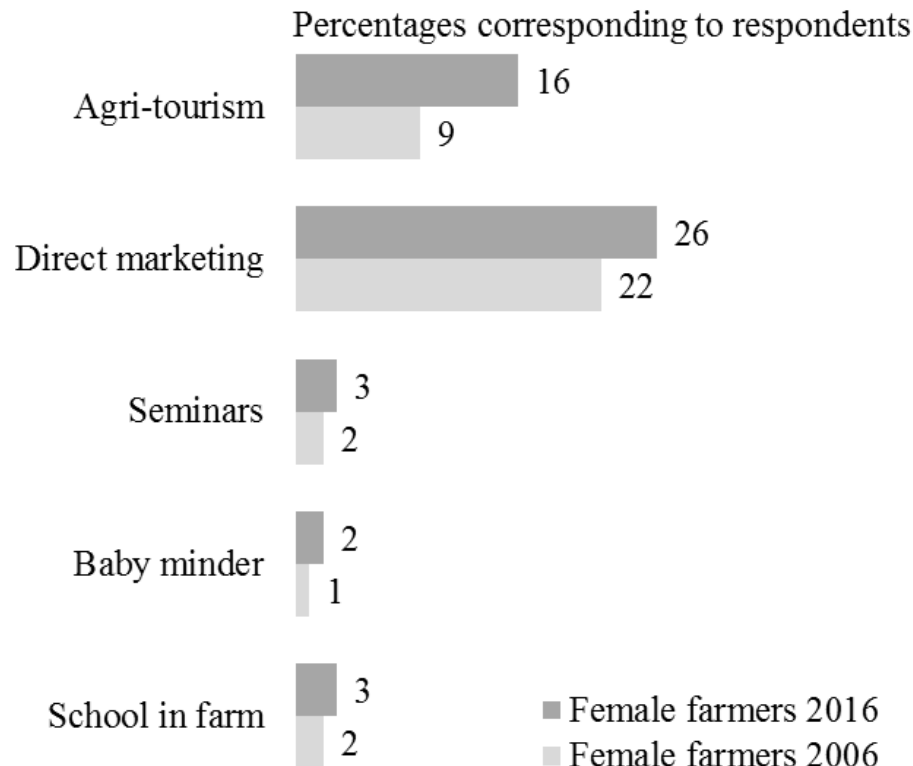
Source: Survey of female farmers 2016.

# Work off farm

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- **The proportion of women who work off-farm has increased by 15 percentage points over the past 10 years.**
- **The main motivation of female farmers for off-farm work is to be financially independent.**
- **Female farmers are more employed on the farm than their partner.**
- **In 42% of respondents, the female farmers and the partners are equally employed.**

# Farm diversification



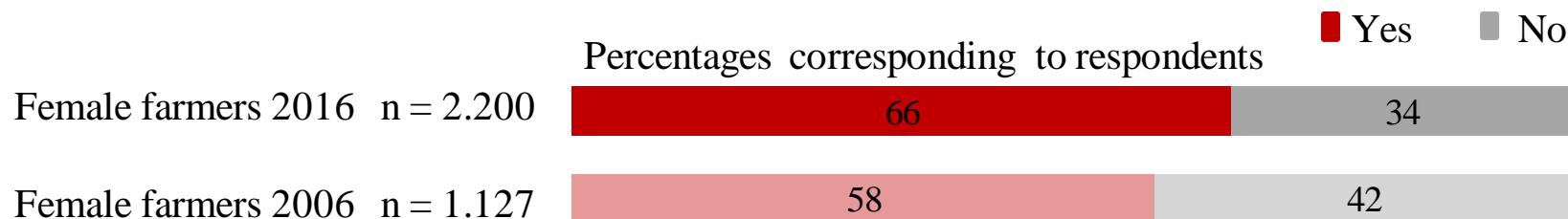
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- **Over the last decades, many female farmers have started new activities on their farm.**
- **2016 52% of female farmers surveyed had a secondary activity (2006 36%).**
- **Women are active in farm diversification activities.**



# Engagement in community activities

- Honorary appointments play an important part in the lives of the agricultural population.
- Perceived needs in order to achieve a better engagement of female farmers in community activities: 40% (more time), 32% (more support from society), 29% (no support) and 14% (more support by the family).



Source: Survey of female farmers 2016.

# Reflections

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- **Female farmers in Austria**
    - Active participants in all aspects of agricultural work and more
    - Effective interest group
  - **Further research**
    - Lack of statistical data
    - Teams of people
    - Solidarity networks
    - Policy actions
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# Thank you

**‘So, my friend, there is no employment specifically for the woman, just because she is a woman, nor even for the man just because he is a man. Gifts are distributed evenly among the sexes.’ (Plato)**

