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(Wyo.)-State Farming Community Becoming More Diverse



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LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) - The agriculture industry is becoming more diverse.

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Ehmke says that people who are getting into agriculture are not the typical farmers or ranchers people think of; more women and people of various ethnicities are getting involved. Ehmke says younger people are involving themselves, too.

According to the 2007 Census of Agriculture the number of women operating farms increased by nearly 30 percent, from 2002 to 2007.

The census also indicated farm operators are becoming more ethnically diverse.

The number of farm operators of Spanish, Hispanic or Latino origin has increased about 10 percent.