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Rural women in Germany are organized e.g. in the Deutscher LandFrauenverband e.V. (German Rural Women’s Association) (there are more smaller organisations)

- 500,000 women are members, working on farms and other professions
- Commitment to the interests of farmers and the improvement of social, economic and legal situation of women and the work-life balance. An important goal is to improve the living and working conditions in rural areas.
- These include, for example, skilled training opportunities, a sufficient number of jobs, cultural, social and infra-structural facilities. The association maintains contacts with political parties, parliamentarians, professional organizations, national and international associations as well as with the relevant ministries.
- Cooperation with the German Farmer’s Association, the German Nutrition Society, German Women’s Council, World Rural Women’s Association (ACWW) and other international organisations
Situation of rural women in Germany

The situation of the German rural women is relatively good by international standards. Nevertheless, the Rural Women’s Associations describe the following problems:

• Gender pension gap (as a result of lower wages (23% less than men)

• Double burden of family and professional life (disease burden)

• In average better education than men and lower wages compared with men (Equal Pay Movement)

• Bad and sometimes no mobility in the rural area, no public transport service, etc.

• Problems of recruitment of young women because of brain drain from rural areas to cities
Situation of rural women in the district of Welver/Westalia I

The situation of the rural women in the area of Welver is not very different from the German average:

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• Double burden of family and professional life (disease burden)
• In average better education than men and lower wages compared with men (Equal Pay Movement)
• Bad and sometimes no mobility in the rural area, no public transport service, etc.
• Problems of recruitment of young women because of brain drain from rural areas to cities (demographic change)
Situation of rural women in the district of Welver/Westalia II

- Violence against women (in rural areas more difficult to fight against violence)
- Decline of population, isolation
- Rural women play a major role in the economy of rural areas (e.g. tourism) although this is often not consciously perceived by the public
- Single female living conditions in rural areas; this is excluded under great social differentiation
- Escalating demands by increasing distances between residences and workplaces