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## Role performance of women in farm activities in hilly areas of district Poonch of Jammu division

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**SUMMARY :** Women play a significant and crucial role in agricultural development and allied fields. Rural women's work ranges from crop production to harvesting operations, from live stock rearing to raising babies. In addition to her daily work routine, consisting of, cooking, cleaning and other domestic chores, rural women are also heavily involved in all aspects of country's agricultural sector. From crop production to livestock rearing, rural women are expected to regularly engage both domestic and commercial aspects of society. Despite such a huge contribution, her role has yet not been recognized. By and large they have remained invisible workers. Therefore, efforts were made to analyze the work performed by women in agriculture. The study was undertaken in Poonch district of Jammu division. A total of 150 farm women were selected as respondents through proportionate random sampling. The selected respondents were interviewed personally using pre-tested well structured interview schedule. The data were analysed using appropriate statistical tool. The findings showed that cutting, picking, cleaning of grains, drying of grains, storage, processing, weeding, winnowing were the major farm operations, which are mainly performed by farm women. Participation of farm women in agriculture was significantly affected by socio-economic variables like –age, family income, land holding.

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