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# Women Need More Resources to Produce More Food, Expert Says

Global food production could increase 30 percent if women farmers get the same access to resources as men, says U.S. food and agriculture expert Catherine Bertini, a professor of public administration and international affairs at Syracuse University in New York.

More access to credit, land ownership, primary and secondary education, extension services and even mobile phones can help women—who are the majority of the world's farmers in developing countries—boost their farm production and family incomes as the world's population increases to 9.5 billion people by 2050, Bertini said.

"Women are the backbone of productive agriculture," Bertini said April 12 in a presentation at the John Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies in Washington.

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